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CBHE
proposes
13% hike
in budget

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Funding recommendations issued Friday call for a 13.6 percent increase in Missouri Southern's 1992-93 operational budget and more than \$4.8 million for the Webster Communications and Social Science Building.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has recommended for the fourth time funds for the proposed facility. It was the only capital improvements recommendation by the CBHE.

"That was our figure, and I obviously feel good about this first step in getting the building up," said College President Julio Leon. "I am confident the General Assembly and the governor will approve the funds, since the state has never left a building unfinished."

Last year, the CBHE recommended \$6,324,628 for the building, but the funding was not allocated.

Southern's requests also included \$75,223 to rebuild the Barn Theatre, destroyed by fire last Thanksgiving. This request was denied.

The CBHE did pass a recommendation of \$14,560,962 for Southern's operational budget, an increase of 13.6 percent over what was appropriated this year.

Southern's proposed increase was the largest in the state, with 12.2 percent being the average hike. North-east Missouri State University received the smallest with a recommended increase of 11.9 percent.

Leon said Southern likely will not see all of the nearly \$14.6 million recommendation.

"Our percentage will depend on the economy and how they forecast the recovery," he said.

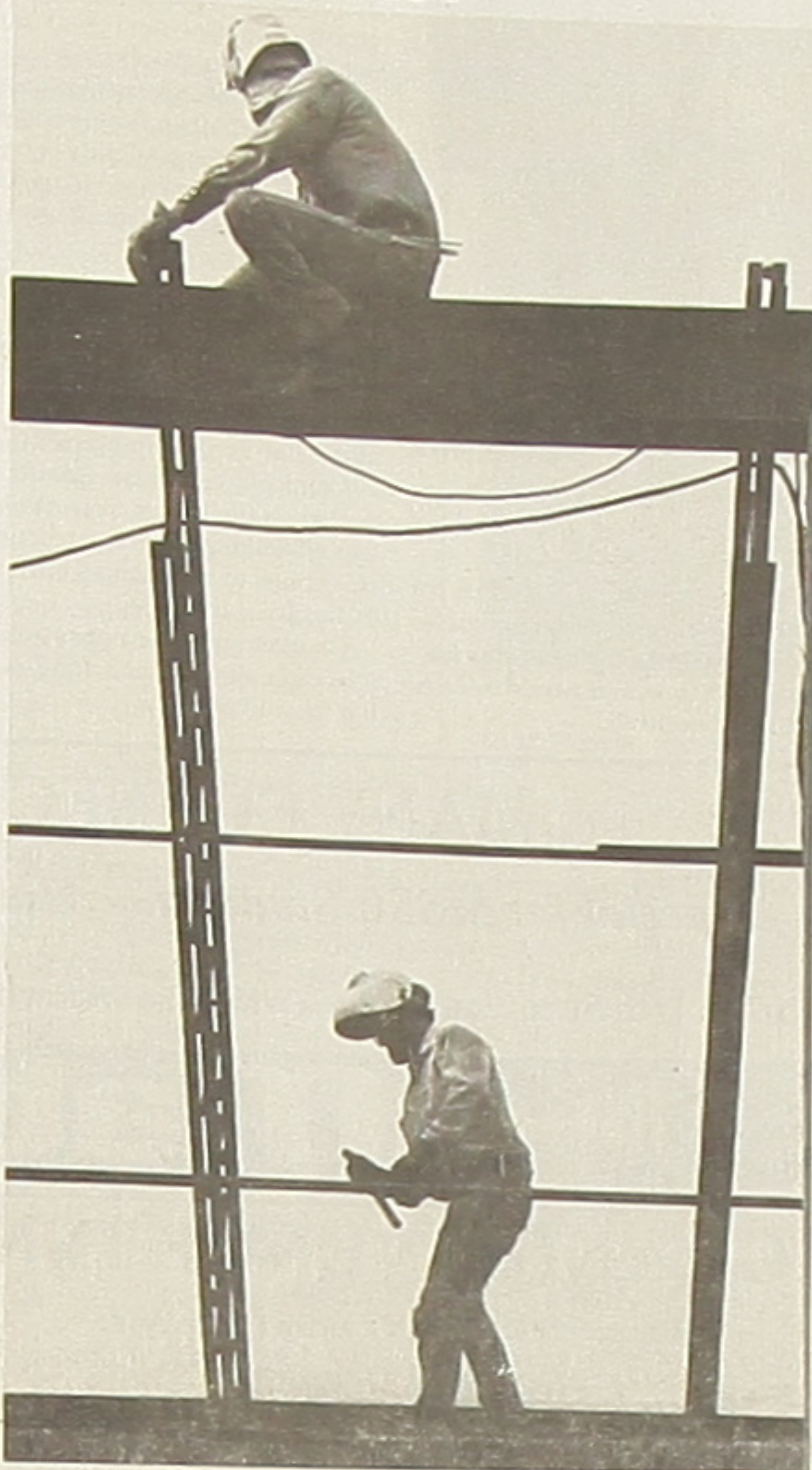
Last year, Southern was scheduled to receive \$12,814,365 for its operational budget after a CBHE recommendation of nearly \$16 million. Cuts and withholdings to help fund the Kansas City desegregation case have reduced that amount further.

"We were appropriated nearly \$13 million last year, but we didn't get that," Leon said.

Last year's CBHE recommendation for Southern was \$15,906,597, a 19.72 increase over the previous fiscal year.

Leon said while he is confident, he remains cautious.

BALANCING ACT



Construction workers keep their balance in welding beams high atop the Webster Communications and Social Science Building.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Incidents near campus unrelated, police claim

Campus security
to step up patrols

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Two recent violent crimes near campus have left Joplin police searching for clues and led Missouri Southern security to step up patrols near the residence halls.

Joplin police Sgt. Terry Foulks told *The Chart* the Oct. 1 murder of Lucinda Adams at the Fastrip store, 1204 N. Duquesne, and Monday's assault and robbery of a 41-year-old man at Jake's Car Wash, 1204½ N. Duquesne, are unrelated.

"It has been my experience these type of things happen in pairs," he said. "Usually after one incident occurs, another follows soon after."

Foulks said police still were work-

ing on the theory that the murder occurred after a failed robbery attempt. An internal audit showed no significant amount of money missing.

"Maybe the old boy got scared or saw a car pull through," he said. "Whatever the case, we can't find anything missing."

Robert Hughes, owner of the car wash, said he was not aware of the incident at his business until he read about it in Tuesday's *Joplin Globe*.

"The police never notified me or anything," he said. "I had to call them."

This was the first incident at the car wash in the year and a half he has owned it, Hughes said.

"This stuff is going on all over the place," he said. "I guess people are getting desperate for money."

The car wash is a coin-operated type, so no attendant was on duty. With the close proximity of both

the College's residence halls and the Royal Orleans apartment complex, Hughes said at least some crime had to be expected.

"There are a lot of people in this immediate area," he said. "The person responsible for this stuff could be living right around here."

Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said patrols around the residence halls have been increased due to the two incidents.

"The fact that [the assault] happened in such a close proximity to the real tragedy the other day is disturbing," he said. "We are trying to patrol the residence hall area as much as possible."

Boyer said the increased security would continue for the time being.

"So far there have been no acts against the College," he said. "But we are concerned because of the problems in the area."

Racetrack 'still in the offing'

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Year-old plans to build a race track in the Joplin area continue to hinge on financing.

Mike Long, then a Missouri Southern student, announced his intentions on Sept. 24, 1990, to build a \$500 million multi-event and racing complex. After the project came under scrutiny from the press, he decided to move the motorplex to another part of the state. The track portion was to remain in the Joplin

area. Long was unavailable for comment, but his wife, Vicki, also a former Southern student, said the project has not been aborted.

"We're still working on it, and that's all I can tell you," she said.

According to Carl Taylor, a Joplin real estate agent, the development has been slow to obtain financing.

"It's still in the offing," Taylor said. "We've been piddling with this for a year. We felt we were close in April."

"Everything is still in the mill, but

nothing is finalized. A lot of miles have been driven and a lot of money has been spent."

He is unsure of the exact cost of the facility, but said estimates have been around \$35 million. A site has been under option, according to Taylor, which the owners are unwilling to have disclosed.

Long told *The Chart* in April that the track was to be sponsored by the National Hot Rod Association. Dar-

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Joplin area not supporting Proposition B financially

Chamber of Commerce endorses measure

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

[Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of stories about Proposition B, leading up to the Nov. 5 election. Next week's story will focus on opposition to the education reform bill.]

While some local business leaders support Proposition B, according to a disclosure report by Missourians for Quality Education, financial support from the Joplin area has not been forthcoming.

According to the report, as of Sept. 26, no contributions had been received from Joplin residents or businesses. The closest contributor geographically was Alan Marble, a Neosho resident who donated \$400.

The bulk of the money raised by MQE through Sept. 26 came from individuals and companies in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

The largest contributors to date have been the McDonnell Douglas Corporation, the Monsanto Company, and Union Electric. Each contributed \$34,500 to the group working for passage of Proposition B.

Margo Carlock, communications director for MQE, said donations from other areas are slim for several reasons.

"A reason for that is the higher concentration of people in those areas," she said. "A lot of the initial fund raising was done in June and July. It focused on reaching large corporations or institutions, and that is where they are located. There are,

of course, some industries in the out-state and rural areas, but they are not as large.

"A lot of the donations from those out-state areas are just now coming in and will be reflected in the next report."

Robert Lamb, president of Joplin's Empire District Electric Company, said his company fully supports Proposition B.

"Our company feels Proposition B is important to the state and the community," Lamb said. "It is important to our business because we need as productive a work force as we can get. It is also important they have the tools to do the job when they get here."

"For the area, it is important to the economy to support a strong school system from elementary to higher education. Strong schools



help attract and develop industry in the area."

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce endorsed the \$385 million measure last week.

"Education is very important to the business community and the Chamber of Commerce," said Gary Tonjes, Chamber president. "While the measure is not perfect, it is good. Also, it will likely be the last opportunity for at least several years for an education package to come forth from Jefferson City."

For its part, Lamb said Empire has sent a financial contribution to

the campaign for Proposition B and will be informing employees.

Tonjes said area businesses realize the importance of Proposition B's success.

"The business community is not excited about the prospect of new taxes," he said. "But they are very concerned with education, and taxes are needed to supply increased funding."

Carlock said support throughout the state should not be measured by the amount donated to the campaign.

"The simple action of support is statewide," she said. "From the person sending \$5 or \$10 to do something for the educational system to the companies sending \$5,000 to \$10,000, it is encouraging. It shows support any time people kick in financially."

Rescue by Southern student leads to filming of '911' segment by CBS

By R.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

After taking part in a life or death rescue in June, a Missouri Southern student will be able to relive it on network television.

When a fellow diver ran out of air in his tanks and began to drown, Don Miller, licensed paramedic and junior nursing major, assisted in his rescue. Now the CBS television series *Rescue 911* is filming a re-enactment.

Mike Robertson was diving with a friend at the Blue Water Recreation Park in Oronogo. He ran out of air after submerging 130 feet. Upon losing his air supply, Robertson began swallowing water and drowning.

Miller was one of several who helped keep Robertson alive at the scene. Miller said the accident is a prime illustration of what ignoring safety guidelines can do.

"It's actually a textbook example," he said. "The people who watch it [the 911 segment] need to realize they have to be careful."

"Water doesn't care if it kills you or not."

Dennie Gordon, director for this segment of *Rescue 911*, said the program often chooses stories which

highlight the need for safety.

"These guys (Robertson and his friends) made some classic mistakes," she said. "There are some serious lessons to be learned."

Miller and two other divers at the scene, all members of the Newton County Advanced Rescue Team, were nearby when Robertson surfaced. Miller said it was a big coincidence for a group of medical professionals to have been close enough to help Robertson before it was too late.

"He popped up waist-high not 15 feet from us," he said. "We could see he was real blue; we knew something was not right."

"If we hadn't been exactly where we were when he popped up, he would have been dead."

Miller, his two partners, Mitch Randles and Troy Mascher, and Robertson's diving partner started medical treatment on him after Randles performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. One of Robertson's problems was that he had surfaced too fast.

He was transported to a decompression chamber to slowly bring him back to normal air pressure.

The three from Newton County called 911 about the incident. The

filming started last weekend when the paramedics had a reunion with Robertson and the other divers who had been present.

"It boils down to the fact that it is all in a day's work," Miller said. "It's real nice to be able to help someone, but we certainly don't feel like 'heros.'"

The crew arrived in Oronogo Sunday and will continue filming through tomorrow. Gordon says the piece is a little demanding because of the area they are working in.

"We're going back to the same environment the accident happened," she said. "It's challenging."

Approximately 80 to 90 percent of the segment will be underwater scenes. Underwater cinematographer Wes Skiles said the park, a mine shaft filled with water, is difficult to work in.

"We're diving in extremely deep water," he said. "It's dark and cold and gloomy; a real challenge for this style of shooting."

Gordon said the crew has received a good part of its talent from the local area. Some of the crew, including divers, are from Springfield.

Gordon expects the segment to air within three months.

RE-ENACTING THE RESCUE



P.J. GRAHAM/The Chart

Dennie Gordon, director for "Rescue 911," gives scene instructions to scuba diver Steve Walls while make-up artist Mike Strain waits to touch up the diver's face. The piece will air within three months.

Blind student faces challenges

Tuesday is National Blindness Day

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One day of each year has been set aside for people to recognize the blind.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, is National Blindness Day, designed in part to make sighted people aware of how to act around a blind person.

Edward Price, a blind computer science major at Missouri Southern, wants people to remember that sight loss is not contagious.

"People see a blind person and often treat them like they would treat someone with AIDS," he said. "People seem to think it's a social disease, but it's not."

Price thinks many people are uneasy around the blind because of their own fears of sight loss.

"They don't know what to do or how to handle the situation," he said. "We are human beings who just want to be treated like human beings."

Price, 41, has been coping with the loss of his sight since 1978 when it was discovered that he had a degeneration disease. His condition deteriorated, slowly at first, then more rapidly. Today Price is without 95 percent of his sight capabilities.

"The adjustment itself has been the most difficult part," he said. "One fear I have is going in stores—it's a phobia almost. If you put a

blindfold on and someone shoves you in Wal-mart, it's difficult to get along. You don't want to embarrass yourself or anyone you're with."

Price's wife, Kathy, a junior elementary education major, said many blind people do not want others to know they are blind.

"Edward has only recently began to use his cane," she said.

A senior at Missouri Southern, Price faces special challenges. He orders his textbooks on cassette tapes from a company in New Jersey.

"A lot of people think that would be nice when they hear about it, but you start getting tired after listening to something for about 15 to 20 minutes," he said. "You can't skim or briefly read something that's on tape."

Price spends between 10 and 20 hours each week studying. It took him 12 hours to complete one of his first assignments this semester.

"It takes me about four times longer than the average individual," he said, "but if you want to get ahead, it's just something you have to do."

All of Price's tests are administered orally. He said matching tests are the most difficult.

"The teachers have just been super," he said. "They are more than willing to work with me."

Despite the difficulties he faces, Price said he usually earns high grades—mostly A's and B's. After

graduation, which he does not force this year, he hopes to teach in the computer science or business fields.

He said the possibility of a cure for his disease keeps him motivated.

"It's probably going to take five or more years for the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) to approve it," he said. "But if there's a cure in, say seven years, I've got to be ready to hit the market."

For now, Price will continue work on his small farm in Miami, Okla. He and his wife have two children, Valissa and Siobhan.

The couple attends monthly meetings for the visually impaired.

"We learn of new developments if things have come out on the market," Kathy Price said. "We also learn ways of sorting clothes and basically how to get along in life."

Orientating the visually impaired of services available to them is another facet of National Blindness Day.

Price is waiting to get a device known as CCTV which, like an overhead projector, will blow up material to a size he can see—even if it is only one letter at a time. The machine's cost is \$3,000, 95 percent of which the state will cover.

"Federal funds are available. If people only knew about them, they could take advantage of it," Kathy Price said. "We only recently learned of many services ourselves. It takes a lot of phone calls and paperwork, but it's available."

With state funds, Price is trying



Edward Price

to get a treadmill at the College's gymnasium for visually impaired and other disabled students.

"When I've got to walk fast for Lifetime Wellness, it's dangerous for me and the person in front of me," he said. "A treadmill would be safer and more accurate."

Nurses get \$1,000

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In limited business, the Student Senate last night reduced its balance of \$11,053 by \$1,000.

With little debate, the Senate approved a recommendation by its finance committee to give \$1,000 to the Student Nurses' Association.

According to Jeff Peterson, president of SNA, the organization plans to send approximately 34 student nurses to its state convention this weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks.

"It is a major job recruitment for our students," Peterson said. "It is a major opportunity to talk with recruiters and apply for jobs throughout the state of Missouri."

Doretta Lovland, a senior senator, asked the Senate to form a committee to explore the possibility of bringing programs to campus to promote sexual awareness and distribute AIDS information.

"It would be a committee to recommend things," Lovland said, "to make suggestions for improvements. We would also look at other college campuses to see how we compare and what needs improvement."

Cami Davey, junior senator, reported on the United Way committee's efforts to acquire approximately six permits to allow students to park in faculty/staff spaces.

Chances on the permits would be sold each semester as a fund-raiser for the United Way.

"It would be open to any commuter student and residence student," Davey said. "They park in any faculty/staff spot on campus."

According to Davey, she and Vowels, Senate president, spoken with College President Leon about obtaining these permits. The Senate will formally make a request to the administration for parking spaces within the next few weeks.

If the parking spaces do not become available this semester, Davey reported the cost of the tickets will be \$1 for this semester and \$2 following semesters.

In other business, the Senate recommended Vowels form a commission committee to look into the possibilities of adding more photocopying machines around campus for student use.

This committee was formed several senators discussed the availability of photocopying machines for many students.

First reading was given to appropriation requests by four organizations. The cheerleaders requested \$1,000 for repairs and travel to away games. SADS requested \$417 for dental procedure. Phi Alpha Theta requested \$875 to send one student to a convention in December. The Young Democrats requested \$875 to attend a convention in Oklahoma, Oct. 18-20.

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First Southern grad takes alumni honor

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For Lt. Col. Barbara Bevins, being named Missouri Southern's 1991 outstanding alumna brought more than honor. It also came with a small amount of kidding.

"My co-workers have been asking me: 'It took you how many years to be named homecoming queen?'" she said. "I just reply 'Several.'"

Bevins will be honored tomorrow and Saturday as part of Homecoming activities at the College.

She was the first graduate to walk across the stage in 1969 when Southern graduated its first class. She received a bachelor's degree in sociology.

However, she said, being a member of that class was not important to her at the time.

"I didn't pay attention to it," Bevins said. "I was just anxious to graduate and to move out into the big world."

She remembers attending Southern while it was still Joplin Junior College, saying it was like a big high school with all the classes in one building.

"There were no dorms," Bevins said. "Most students commuted to class and still lived with their parents. We weren't as social, because we didn't see each other at night and on the weekends like students do now."

In 1967, between her sophomore and junior years, the College changed from JJC to Southern and moved to the present campus. Bevins said it

then began to feel more like a college because of the addition of several classroom buildings.

After graduating from Southern, Bevins continued her education at the University of Northern Colorado. She received a master's degree in communications.

In 1971, Bevins attended the Air Force Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

In April 1975 she participated in "Operation Baby Lift," an evacuation of orphans and refugees from Saigon during the Vietnam War.

During the evacuation, Bevins worked at the Clark Air Base in the Republic of the Philippines to process orphans and refugees for further travel to Guam and later the United States.

For her efforts in the evacuation, Bevins received two Humanitarian Service Medals.

Currently, Bevins is working as chief deputy of police at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. She has held this position for the past five and one-half years.

Bevins provides security support for 12,000 military personnel, 40,000 dependents, and 20,000 retirees.

"I manage the largest security police mobility commitment on the tactical air command," she said. "It provides security for the second-largest weapons storage area in the Air Force."

Bevins said she has nothing but fond memories of Southern. Some of those memories center around three of her instructors—John Eli, Dr. Conrad Gubera, and Dr. Judy Conboy—in the sociology department.

"They were always personally involved," she said. "They were always available for counseling. I felt like they cared."



Barbara Bevins

WITH A FLAIR



BRAM JOHNSON/The Chart

Anna Huerta, junior, performs in Monday night's talent show.

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rell Zimmerman, NHRA West Central Division director, has not "heard a word in about three months."

"As far as I know it is at a standstill," Zimmerman said.

Taylor spoke with financiers two weeks ago and now sees possible light at the end of the tunnel.

"Maybe in 30 days we will have more concrete, solid commitments on finance," he said.

Taylor was uncertain of the motorplex's fate, and said the NHRA's push to make the initial announcement too early, in September 1990, could have jeopardized the entire project.

Spiva Library still faces cuts

Maximum reduction would be \$25,000

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Budget adjustments of \$365,000, designed to avoid large cuts to the Spiva Library, may yet effect its finances.

The latest revised budget adjustment figures for Missouri Southern, presented to the Faculty Senate on Monday, list a library cutback of up to \$25,000.

"I would like to stress that that is a contingency," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "For instance, if everything we have slated now for mid-term [courses] makes [enrollment], then we would realize \$2,000 more savings than is on the list. That would go right back into the library."

"If unanticipated revenues are above the planned figure, that will go back into the library."

Last month, the Board of Regents accepted an option for meeting the state-ordered withholding which called for tapping the College's carry-over balance for \$200,000 and reducing mid-term classes, summer offerings, off-campus classes, and publication expenses. In addition, Southern would leave open a vacant administrative position and plan for \$40,000 in unanticipated revenues.

The regents left the decision on specific cuts to the three vice presidents and the four deans.

"The board directed the administration to examine this, and we took a good, hard look," Brown said. "We do not want to present a face of inflexibility. Quite the opposite, we want to maintain maximum flexibility."

Revisions to last month's proposal

call for limiting rather than eliminating mid-term and off-campus classes, establish a minimum class size of 12, and the \$25,000 library contingency. The plan still will mean reductions in summer offerings and publication expenditures, keeping an open position unfilled, and budgeting for \$40,000 in unanticipated revenues.

"We did change a few of the things," Brown said. "For instance, we looked at the idea of eliminating the mid-term offerings all together, but felt some students benefit from those and chose a reduction instead."

Brown said the off-campus courses offered by Southern presented a similar situation.

"We did not want to eliminate those and present problems to the constituency they serve," he said. "We want to do our best to maintain courses at each location, primarily in Lamar, Monett, and Nevada."

The reductions in course offerings and sizes are planned to realize a savings of \$15,000, but Brown said effects on students and full-time faculty should be minimal.

"We will eliminate certain sections of courses and distribute those students throughout the sections offered by full-time faculty," he said. "This will increase the class sizes somewhat, but the changes will be distributed equally between departments."

Brown said courses to be eliminated would be overload and part-time classes, but stressed this is an unusual set of circumstances.

"This is a one-shot deal," he said. "It is more of a discomfort than a dislocation."

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Danger lane

Watch out for the bogeyman. In the past week, Missouri Southern has been an unwilling neighbor to a pair of violent crimes just a stone's throw from some students' front doors.

First, a convenience store clerk is murdered. Next, a car wash customer is assaulted and robbed by two men who fled on foot.

Both crimes happened directly behind the campus apartments, and authorities were called to the scene of the homicide by a Missouri Southern student who stopped in for a soda and found no one minding the store. This is a little bit too close for our comfort.

Our immediate concerns are where did the suspects come from and where did they go? We still have to live here.

It is always easy to embrace the "It can't happen here" mentality—until it does. When it happens twice in one week, the awakening is rude, indeed.

The truth of the matter, ugly as it may be, is we are lucky this hasn't happened before.

Convenience stores are convenient for honest and dishonest alike. When they are housed in an insufficiently lighted area such as the Newman and Duquesne corner, they may as well hang a big "Rob me" sign on their front doors.

We are not the area's only neighbors. The Royal Orleans apartments and many houses lie just to the other side and behind. Are any of us truly safe with the status quo?

Proper street lights illuminating Duquesne where high-traffic businesses like Fastrip and Missouri Southern exist is a good start.

C'mon Fastrip, Jake's, Clothes Encounter, Southern, Class Reunion, and Snak-Atak; it's our neighborhood.

Let's insist the city shed a little light on things.

How generous

Thank heaven for instructors like Dr. Paul Teverow.

Problems in Recent Diplomatic History doesn't appear on the mid-term schedule, but Teverow is teaching it anyway.

For free. No one pays; not the students for the class and not the College for Teverow's services.

Why would Teverow want to show up every Monday at 6 p.m. to teach a two-hour class that is not on the schedule and offers students no credit? Why would he volunteer his time to help students prepare for an extracurricular activity like the Midwest Model United Nations?

"They ought to have a chance to participate in this," he said. "I'll be pleased to do what I can."

He cares. He cares about the students, about the Model U.N. Club, and about the College, which is fortunate to have him.

In light of the current budget crisis facing Missouri colleges and all the loose talk of instructors who don't really give a damn, it is refreshing to find one who does.

There are many Paul Teverows on Southern's faculty. It's nice to know they're around.



Book banning sweeps across the nation

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

America, wake up! For a country where first lady Barbara Bush is a major advocate for literacy, there is a huge injustice occurring every day in our public schools and libraries.

Book banning. No, I'm not talking about those "horrible" pornographic books and magazines. I'm referring to books I consider classics, such as Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* or Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*.

Give me a break; even traditional bedtime stories like *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Mother Goose* are not exempt from the attack.

For children who are victims of this senseless crime of illiterates—yes, I consider the act of banning a book the work of uninformed and uneducated people—Juliet will never find her Romeo, Huck will never float down the Mississippi with Jim, and Humpty Dumpty will not fall off the wall.

When *Little Red Riding Hood* appeared on a list of challenged books, I assumed it was because of the "violence"—the wolf does eat the grandmother. Well, I found out *Little Red Riding Hood* is being objected to because of the wine in her basket. Oh, horror of horrors.

What type of false morals are we instilling within our children? If we teach them that even reading about wine is wrong, what will happen when they enter "real" life and find out just what wine is. Do people really think banning *Little Red Riding Hood* will stop the abuse of alcohol?

Recently, People for the American Way released a list of books which had been attacked since 1982. To

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my surprise, books I never would consider "banning" appeared on that "hot" list. These books included *The Color Purple*, *Forever and Then Again*, *Maybe I Won't*, both by Judy Blume; and *Huckleberry Finn*.

Hey, what's wrong with these books anyway? Well, according to David Crane, vice president for the People for the American Way, *The Color Purple* is objected to because of the "dirty" words and the so-called sexual content in the scenes where she (the main character) is describing what happened to herself.

OK, there is just one problem with banning this book. In the so-called "sexual content," the main character remembers being raped by her father when she finds herself pregnant. What kind of message is society sending now?

Another author attacked was Blume. While only two of her stories wound up on this list, most of her books come under fire in schools at one time or another. According to Crane, Blume usually is banned because she talks frankly about true-life occurrences.

Starring Sally J. Friedman as Herself by Blume was attacked in a Springdale, Ark., fourth grade because it discussed "anti-Semitism" and "homosexuality." The book was removed from the required reading list, but fortunately a school official decided to keep it in the library. Personally, I am going to dust off my copy and re-read it to find the "anti-Semitism" and "homosexuality" references, because I sure didn't see them the first time.

Huckleberry Finn was attacked because of the reference to African-Americans as "niggers." I can understand why some might find this book offensive. However, given the pre-Civil War time period in which Twain based this book, this was a common practice. While I shudder to hear people use references like this now, we cannot ban this classic because "nigger" is used. The world could easily forget just how terrible

we once treated African-Americans.

Classics are not the only books under attack. Anchorage, Ala., elementary school, *Under the AIDS* by Dr. Ethan Lerner was challenged because it contained "misleading information on homosexuality." In another instance, *Kids Having Kids*, *Unwed Teenage Parent* by Janet Bode was challenged in a Maryland school because "it is not fit for a young girl or boy to be reading about this."

In a time when AIDS and teenage pregnancy are running rampant throughout America's schools, banning informative books like these is a complete disservice to everyone. What about those children whose parents will not discuss teenage pregnancy? I'm not saying that for some reading a book is the only way to get information like this. And if reading a book can prevent a 13-year-old from becoming pregnant, transmitting AIDS, I'll stand behind the book.

Textbooks also are attacked every day in our nation's schools, even in Missouri. Just last month, Jasper school board voted to ban a writing text, *The Writer's Resource: Readings for Composition*, used in a college-preparatory senior English class. The book was objected to by parents because of language used in the essay "Aretha Has the Best Man." It describes life in an inner-city ghetto by using a lot of profanity and slang.

OK, I realize this is the Bible Belt and that like this would be objected to in a small school. But this was a college-prep class, designed to prepare seniors for college. What are those going to do when they discover there is a "real" world outside of Jasper High?

After discovering which books were considered obscene across the United States for various reasons, I wanted to rush out and buy a copy of each. So if ever there is a time when *Fahrenheit 451* occurs, at least one copy of each book will be shared with the world. This way the authors' work and knowledge will not go up in smoke and be forgotten for eternity.

Are you awake yet, America?

Homecoming: Ah, memories of the past

By LARRY MEACHAM
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

[Editor's note: Meacham is a 1960 graduate of Joplin Junior College.]

Homecoming. Reflecting, in a pensive mood, a yearning, an indefinable yearning commanding me to look long and hard, almost stare at people and things and places I once knew. Those inward, deep, and quiet thoughts that are pleasurable—and painful—memories you don't share and memories you want to share if you could find that magical person who would listen and nod quietly.

That's what homecoming does to me, and it gets more serious every year. Is it mortality becoming clear? Is it an assessment, a measurement of the cloth that's been spun for me before its final shape and color is cut off?

I like homecoming and its mundanity. I would go to the dance and sit with some cronies, tap my toe, and watch the pretty girls in their red, green, and blue dresses spin and whirl to Mr. Fox's canned tunes. Then

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at noon the next day I would see an old flame at the alumni banquet and flirt one last time, talk meaningfully of kids and jobs, and look deeply into her eyes. She would always be beautiful.

Those hazy days. The memories become as poignant torrents to me as I would connect, silently, my young-man's time with those marvelous faces of 31 years, past. My class was small. We had a sense of wanting to do everything because we were small. My God, I even got involved in small-scale politics. The College Young Democrats. Talk about a sense of alienation!

I would remember the tremendous impressions, I'm quite sure deliberate, of my little college's professors. Five of them giants to me, who—exposed—as Cleetus Headlee, always Miss Headlee, whose eyes were infinitely various, tranquil, and elegantly beautiful. And, Grace Mitchell, tall and Southern, whose breadth of culture and dignity will be among my best thoughts, always. And, Milton Brietzke, vibrant, vital, who, defined what we call, simply, a teacher. Jim Maupin, broad, strong shouldered and military, resonant voice, gentle smile. I visit him, sometimes. Then, Harry Gockel, stern, intense, who rightfully booted me out

of his economics class once. I had lipped-off, Mr. Gockel, nature and a constant problem. We became friends.

Across the campus oval, ablaze with the red of autumn, I would walk to the stadium for the Homecoming Event and watch through my camera our youth, magnificent and virile in their dazzling and gold, eager for the contact of bone-pounding smashing collision of bodies.

I would enjoy it. I would enjoy the sharp, sound and snap of the band proud and intimate at their skill of bringing the crowd to its feet. I be happy, too, that the students would choose queen, trim and pretty, and her escort, beaming she's at his side as President Leon hands flowers. It's so wholesome, and correct.

Homecoming. That's what it does to me, would always have the best seat in the house, or my camera. "The Press," you know. But, I'll tell a little secret: I wouldn't always take a picture. I would play-act just to be in front of it all, but with my mock authority because I would make sure, if only tacitly, that my homecoming was done properly. That it maintain my standard—tent—that it deliver my thoughts, my yearning, pleasurable—and painful—memories. That it be a loyal reminder of my mortality.

Commuters take pride in College

As a daily commuter to Missouri Southern State College, I felt offended by Mr. Hayworth's Sept. 26 column about commuters. I am not sure why Mr. Hayworth made such a generalization about commuting students. It is extremely possible that some commuting students do not get as involved as some of the "on-campus" students. But I would like to know if it is possible that some of the "on-campus" students are not as involved as they should be.

I drive 90 miles to Missouri Southern (one way) every day to attend classes. I feel this school can provide me with an education that is comparable to that of any other college in the state of Missouri. I take great pride in this school and I am involved in many different activities here.

Perhaps Mr. Hayworth would think this school a better place if it did not allow commuter students to attend. I recommend a quick review of the percentage of students who are commuters before any decisions are made.

We are not a different species than "on-campus" students. It is true some of us may have families, full-time jobs, debts, and the desire to improve ourselves—but we also care very much about Missouri Southern and its activities. Mr. Hayworth, thank you for your article—but next time please do not generalize. Many of us feel the same way you do about this campus.

Russell E. Souza

YOUR LETTERS

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U.S., USSR begin START treaty reductions

Both countries set to cut back sea-based arms

by PAUL H. NITZE

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President Bush's decision to substantially alter the U.S. nuclear posture contains elements that will be highly beneficial in reducing the risk of nuclear war, others of minor importance and one that will do more damage than good.

Concern about the risk of nuclear war may seem unfounded in a world where U.S.-Soviet confrontation has been increasingly replaced by cooperation. But as long as the United States and the Soviets retain large arsenals of nuclear weapons, the U.S. must do everything it can to ensure that those nuclear weapons will not be used deliberately or inadvertently and that they will not fall into the hands of others. Therefore, the Bush changes should be judged by

their contribution to deterrence and to the safety and security of the U.S. and Soviet stockpiles.

The primary benefits of Bush's decision result from the changes in nonstrategic nuclear forces, as long as those changes are reciprocated by the Soviet Union. Among these changes, the most important is the withdrawal of weapons currently based on ships and submarines, including sea-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs).

SLCMs are small, low-flying missiles very difficult to detect with early warning radars. Deployed on Soviet submarines off our Atlantic coast, they could pose the threat of a surprise attack against Washington and key facilities controlling our retaliatory forces, thus undermining deterrence. (Because of geographical and other differences, U.S. SLCMs do not pose the same threat to the Soviets.) Soviet withdrawal of their nuclear SLCMs would eliminate this potentially destabilizing threat.

The major concern regarding the other non-strategic nuclear forces, both sea-based and ground-based, had been that they might be seized by terrorists or other unauthorized parties. The abortive coup last month heightened this concern for Soviet ground-based non-strategic weapons which, unlike their strategic weapons, are dispersed throughout the Soviet republics, where they are potentially vulnerable to capture by forces involved in any of the myriad ethnic and political conflicts currently looming or under way.

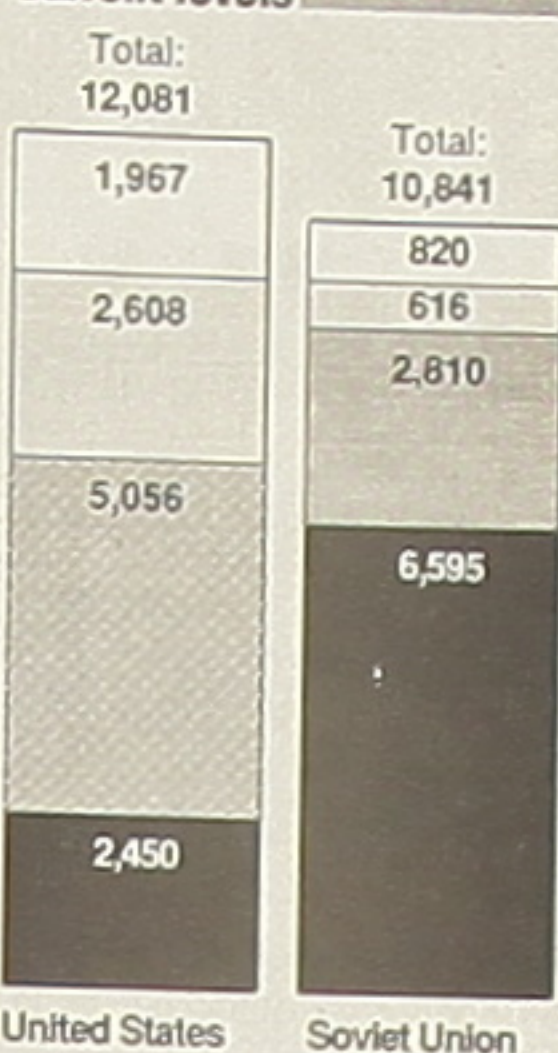
On the U.S. side, the utility of sea-based non-strategic weapons has always been questionable. Due to the superiority of our conventional naval forces, many naval experts

What counts in START treaty

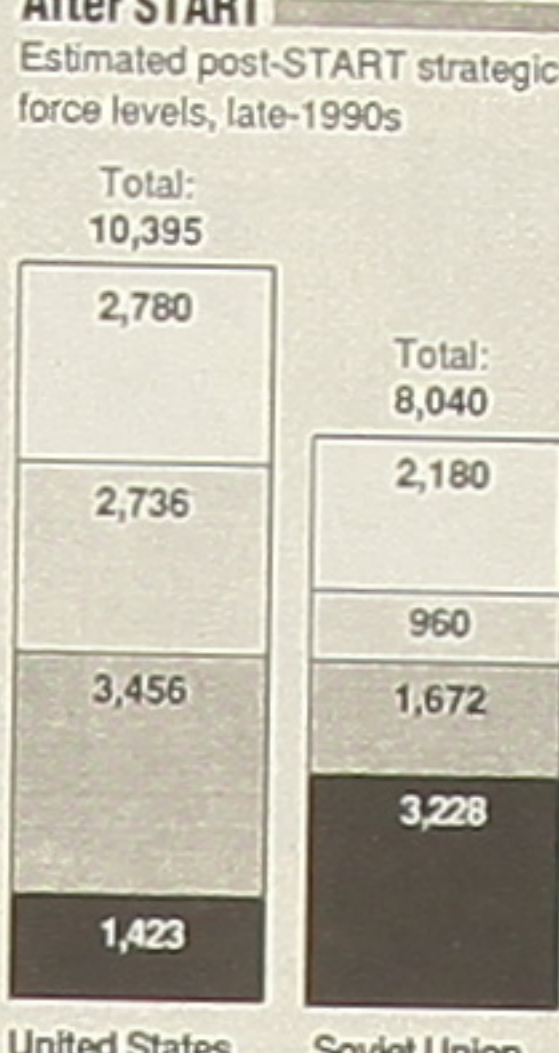
Current nuclear arsenals for both sides and estimated reductions under the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) treaty:

- Air and sea-launched cruise missiles (ASLCM)
- Bombs and short-range attack missiles (SRAM)
- Sea-launched ballistic missile warheads (SLBM)
- Intercontinental ballistic missile warheads (ICBM)

Current levels



After START



SOURCE: Arms Control Association

have long believed that we would be better off if neither our navy nor the Soviet navy had tactical nuclear weapons.

Likewise, U.S. need for ground-based non-strategic weapons has become increasingly doubtful, as Soviet conventional superiority in

Europe that originally justified them has disappeared and as strategic weapons and high-technology conventional weapons have become capable of performing the same missions in other regions with comparable effectiveness. For this reason, the United States had already agreed

to withdraw nuclear artillery from Europe and was likely to withdraw short-range missiles as well.

Bush's changes in our strategic posture are more modest, as will be their effects. His cancellation of three modernization programs is merely a recognition of reality: the rail-based MX missile had been killed in Congress, the mobile Midgetman was unlikely to receive congressional funding, and the short-range attack missile had severe technical problems. The most potentially beneficial step in the strategic area is Bush's proposal for early U.S.-Soviet agreement on the elimination of intercontinental ballistic missiles with multiple warheads. These missiles, which are both vulnerable to attack and highly attractive as targets, provide each side an incentive to strike the other first and force both to take dangerous countermeasures to protect these weapons. Their mutual elimination would therefore strengthen both deterrence and safety.

This one provision should not be the only focus of early negotiations, however. The United States should seek a comprehensive package of improvements to the strategic balance created by the recently signed START Treaty.

Among these provisions should be bans on new threats to the survival of our forces, such as earth-penetrating warheads, maneuvering reentry vehicles, and large, special-function nuclear warheads; requirements that both sides destroy all missiles included in the reductions rather than placing some in storage; verification improvements, and, of course, further reductions in overall force levels.

The element of Bush's initiative that I regret is the decision to have

our strategic bombers stand down from their alert posture. This will mean our entire bomber force will be vulnerable to a Soviet surprise attack. Although such an attack is extremely unlikely, I nevertheless do not believe we should be taking steps that increase the incentive for the Soviets to conduct one.

One key difference on the Soviet side is the renewed call for a comprehensive nuclear test ban. This is a step the Bush administration should continue to resist. As long as we rely on nuclear weapons for our ultimate deterrent of war, we must be confident that they will work and we must do sufficient testing to maintain that confidence. Restrictions beyond the current limits on testing, such as a yearly quota, may be possible, but a total ban goes too far.

In sum, despite one misstep, Bush has taken an important leap forward toward creating a safer world. It is time now for him to take the next important step by initiating early talks on a comprehensive package of provisions that will go beyond the START treaty in creating a more stable strategic balance.

The key to the benefits expected to result from Bush's decision is, of course, that the Soviets will reciprocate the changes in the U.S. force posture. Are they likely to do so? I believe they are. They are just as concerned as we about the security of non-strategic nuclear forces and probably just as skeptical about their remaining utility. They therefore should jump at the chance to eliminate this mutual headache.

Given their economic difficulties, they are also likely to welcome the opportunity to cut back on the modernization of strategic forces.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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10 TODAY

Career Fair '91, with more than 60 companies participating, will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Young Gymnasium.

The Bicycle Club will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

A spirit bonfire for Homecoming will start at 8 p.m. in the field north of Hughes Stadium. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the loudest campus group.

11 TOMORROW

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes gathers from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in BSC Room 313.

The volleyball Lady Lions will play in the Florida Southern College Lady Moc Invitational today and tomorrow in Lakeland, Fla.

An all-campus cookout will be free to those with a Missouri Southern I.D. from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by the Biology Pond. Homecoming royalty, royalty finalists, and the outstanding alumnus will be announced at noon.

Southern Concepts, a group for those interested in advertising, will meet at noon in BSC Room 311.

Halftime coronation for the Homecoming football game will be rehearsed at 1:30 p.m. at Hughes Stadium. The rehearsal is mandatory for Homecoming royalty and royalty finalists.

A Homecoming celebration dance, free to anyone with Southern I.D. and \$3 to the general public, is to be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the convention center of the Joplin Holiday Inn.

12 SATURDAY

All Homecoming parade entries must be in their assembly areas by 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. down Main Street from 12th to Third Street.

Campus display and float awards, Outstanding Alumni, and Hall of Fame Awards will be announced at 2 p.m. in Hughes Stadium. The football Lions play the Homecoming game against the University of Missouri-Rolla at 2:30 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

Kappa Alpha will hold a meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

14 MONDAY

The academic policies committee meets at 3 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The CAB movie, Walt Disney's *Fantasia*, will be shown at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today and tomorrow in the BSC second-floor lounge.

15 TUESDAY

The Baptist Student Union will have lunch from 11 a.m. to noon in BSC Room 311.

LDSSA will meet at noon in Room 313.

The Newman Club gathers from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

16 WEDNESDAY

The Baptist Student Union lunch will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The CAB meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The Student Senate meets at 5:30 p.m. in BSC Room 310.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN



Bruce Noll, a dramatic interpreter of Walt Whitman poetry, performed his act "Pure Grass" last Thursday in Taylor Auditorium. The act was sponsored by the English department and Sigma Tau Delta.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Dance, bonfire still to come

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Some students left the Homecoming talent show Monday night a few dollars richer.

In the individual competition, Michelle Carnine won \$75 for first place with a song from *Les Misérables*. Mary Hanewinkel came in second, winning \$50 with the song "Crazy." Stephanie Matthews claimed third place and \$35 with a jazz solo.

In the group category, LDSSA took first, winning \$75 with the song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." The Residence Hall Association won second place and \$50 by lip-synching a love ballad. Third place and \$35 went to Lambda Beta Phi for a skit from *Hee Haw*.

Talent show judges were Ronnie McClure, administrative assistant for the College's food service operation; Matt Fogarty, KSNF radio; and Rhonda Chapman, KSNF-TV. The emcees were Duane Hunt and Gwen

Hunt.

Homecoming week continues today, with a spirit bonfire at 8 p.m. in the field north of the stadium.

"Again I would like to stress the yell contest," Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said. "One hundred dollars goes to the loudest campus group."

Tomorrow from 10:40 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. is the all-campus cookout at the Biology Pond. The event is free to Southern students, faculty, and staff with IDs. The menu consists of hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, and baked beans.

According to Carlisle, a car show in conjunction with the cookout will have between 65-100 entries. The show on the soccer practice field will feature cars of the 1950s and 60s.

"So far we only have one truck entered," she said. "We will take entries through Thursday."

Trophies and plaques will be presented to the best of show, best 50s, best 60s, best convertible, and best

hard top.

Persons interested in entering the car show may contact Lisa West at 625-9669.

"They will be singing 'Route 66' and other songs from that era," Carlisle said.

There will be a Homecoming celebration from 8 p.m. to midnight tomorrow at the Holiday Inn convention center. The event will feature CFox and Company and a dance contest with categories in two-step, hip-hop, twist, big apple, and the jitter bug.

"We expect only the faculty to participate in the jitter bug and the big apple," Carlisle said. "But hopefully students will, too."

Saturday, the Homecoming parade will begin at 10 a.m. and run down Main Street from 12th to Third Street.

"I really encourage people to attend the parade," Carlisle said, "and to get involved in the Homecoming activities."

Renewed club to support non-traditional students

Members plan for child care, carpooling

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Besides a new name, Students Achieving Greater Education is receiving a new start on Missouri Southern's campus.

SAGE, a club for non-traditional students at Southern, died out several years ago. Now, Lori LeBahn, director of orientation, is trying to re-establish the organization with a few changes, including changing the name to OASIS.

"Oasis (Older Adult Students In School) sounds like a place students can congregate and feel refreshed," LeBahn said. "And that is the purpose of the organization."

Club goals still are being determined. The group met for the first time Oct. 3 with five people in attendance. However, LeBahn believes

attendance will increase when more people are aware of the club's presence on campus.

Surveys were sent to the Return to Learn classes, some of which LeBahn teaches, and she received 25 surveys back from non-traditionals expressing an interest in the club.

From the surveys and the large percentage of non-traditionals at Southern, she believes the group will continue to grow. She said the ones who did attend the meeting showed promise.

"They have great ideas," she said. "And the ones that showed up are really excited."

No officers were elected, and the name change was not voted on because the group wanted to wait until a larger group attends a meeting. The next club meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 in the

Lions' Den of the BSC.

LeBahn said the group will not need the kind of direction many other campus organizations require because of the age of the members.

"I see the group as getting huge," she said. "And what I want to do is stand back and let them run it. I don't want to be a figurehead. I want to be there to back them up."

"I don't think they need or desire supervision. They will need guidance, and that's what I will do."

The group is formulating ideas to try this year. Though its main purpose is to present a support system for non-traditionals, members also are considering an Adopt-A-Student program. This would have members "adopting" a freshman.

"They (non-traditionals) would feel more connected to the school," LeBahn said, "and make the freshmen feel less homesick."

Another idea for the club, a child-

Effects of cuts miss Model U

Students continue planning to

By BRYAN MEARES
STAFF WRITER

Recent budget cuts which have eliminated several mid-term courses have not slowed the Model United Nations Club.

The club participates in the Midwest Model United Nations Conference each year. Problems in Recent Diplomatic History, which would have been a mid-term offering, still will be available as a primer for those interested in the Model U.N. The course will not be offered for credit, however.

Club members and the club sponsor do not believe they will be affected by the lack of a for-credit course.

"It's possible that we'll have fewer students this year because of no credit offered," said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history. "But we'll still have enough to make a good delegation."

Before the budget cuts, the class was a two credit-hour course open to all who were interested. Teverow will continue to conduct the class, though it is not an official course this year. Although club members must take the class, participation in the Model U.N. Club is not required for the class.

ern has represented.

"I have no question that students we have, whether or not they get credit for it, will make Southern proud of them," he said.

Brett Cummings, senior major and president of the club, has few reservations about its future. He is confident the club will find a way to participate.

"In the past, we've obtained money from the Student Senate," Cummings said. "The funding is the least of our worries."

The conference is set for Oct. 5-7 at the Omni Hotel in St. Louis. Cummings said the conference features a realistic platform designed to reflect the actual United Nations.

He said participants try to be professional during the event and that attitude adds realism to the occasion.

The U.N. simulation provides an opportunity for students to experience world issues from a different perspective. While there, they learn to work cooperatively with students from different colleges to represent other nations. A base of knowledge is essential to an effective delegation, Cummings said.

"Knowledge of current events, sociology, and history are ble-

"You have to think on your feet. You have to work on writing and communication skills."

—Brett Cummings, president, Model U.N.

Teverow said eliminating credit for the class will not result in a tremendous loss since students only have been able to take the course for credit the past few years.

"During the whole time when the school participated in the Model U.N., in the 70s, I believe it was not for academic credit," Teverow said. "The first two years I did it (sponsored the program) there was no academic credit involved."

This year, Southern's delegation will portray delegates from the nation of Yemen. Teverow said Yemen is a good selection because it is the first Middle Eastern country South-

he said. "You have to think on your feet. You have to work on writing and communication skills."

Cummings, a three-year member of the Model U.N., believes the experience is beneficial to participants.

"You can learn more in one week than you do in some classes in a semester."

The first "class" meeting was at 6 p.m. Monday in Room 311 of the Mansion. Teverow and Cummings said there is still time for students to begin the class. Those interested in the Model U.N. may contact Teverow at Ext. 333.

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0717	ENG 150	Intro to Literature	3	8:00-9:35	M W F	H322B	Bauer		
0742	ENT 203	Legal Aspects***	1	10:00-10:50	M W F	MH307	Brads		
0745	ENT 206	Micro Applications	1	11:00-11:50	M W F	MH308	Staff		

0748	ENT 209	New Business Tax***	1	9:00-9:50	M W F	MH307	Hardy		
0913	HIST 110	U.S. History 1492-1877	3	1:00-3:40	T T H	MA111	Holm		
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UPCOMING EVENTS
CALENDAR

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

"The Spirit of the Beehive:"
bird in a series presented by
the Missouri Southern Film
Society; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
Oct. 22; Billingsly Student
Center

"Black Comedy:" presented
by Southern Theatre; Oct.
13-26; Taylor Auditorium

JOPLIN

Second Annual Country
Music Extravaganza: with
Robin Lee, Joe Diffie, Michael
Johnson, and Diamond Rio; 7
p.m. Sunday; Memorial Hall

Foreigner live in concert:
presented by the new Z102.5
and KSNF-TV; 8 p.m. Saturday,
Nov. 2; Memorial Hall

CARTHAGE

Chill Showdown: begins at
10:30 a.m. Saturday; Central
Park; taster kits available

Dinner Theatre: "Boys of
Autumn"; 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17-19;
Tone's Throw Theatre; \$14;
817-358-9665

Maple Leaf Parade: south-
west Missouri's biggest parade;
9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19;
begins on the Carthage square

Historic Homes Tour: noon
to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20; \$6

SPRINGFIELD

"The Dreamer:" weekends
through Oct. 28; Stained Glass
Theatre

To Kill a Mockingbird:"
Oct. 17-27; Springfield Little
Theatre; 417-869-1334

TULSA

Oklahoma Sinfonia and
Tulsa Pops: featuring jazz
trumpet legend Al Hirt;
tomorrow; Brady Theatre;
8-582-7507

"Corpse:" A comedy
thriller/mystery set in 1930s
London; presented by the
American Theatre Company;
Oct. 18-26; Tulsa Performing
Arts Center; 918-747-9494

Armchair Traveler Series:
The Gates of Jerusalem;"
live presentation with a
personally narrated film by
Al McClure; Oct. 14;
Williams Theatre, 918-254-1069

KANSAS CITY

Rod Stewart Vagabound
Heart Tour 1991: 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26; Kemper
Arena; 816-931-3330

"I'm Not Rappaport:" A
comedy award-winning comedy
by Herb Gardner; through
Oct. 20; Missouri Repertory
Theatre; 816-235-2700

Sandi Patti in concert: 7:30
p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17;
Kemper Arena; tickets: \$14;
816-373-4637

"The Pecos Bill Show:"
through Oct. 20; Theatre for
Young America; 816-648-4600
8-25 Airplane Exhibition:
Oct. 17-20; Downtown Airport;
816-942-1555

Bob Dylan: 8 p.m. Nov. 1;
Midland Theater; 816-931-3330.

ST. LOUIS

"Buddy:" The Buddy Holly
Story; Oct. 22-27; The Muny;
tickets: \$12-\$33
George Strait: Saturday;
816-535-2900

Award-winning play "Other
People's Money:" through Oct.
Repertory Theatre of St.
Louis

St. Louis Symphony:
conducted by David Loebel
and featuring violinist Dmitry
Kovalevsky; Oct. 25-26; Powell
Hall; 534-1700

A Soldiers Play:" through
Oct. 20; Black Repertory

BRINGING THEATRE TO LIFE



Stephanie Cain, senior theatre major, hopes to pursue a professional acting career after attending graduate school in Chicago.

Cain finds niche in acting

Theatre major not
afraid of hard work

By LORI CLEVENGER
STAFF WRITER

After 17 years of dancing, Stephanie Cain, senior theatre major, discovered her true niche.

During her sophomore year of high school, Cain went to an academy in Champaign, Ill., where she auditioned and got a part in *A Chorus Line* as a dancer. From this experience she found there was another side to performing.

"I had to go there to realize that I did not want to become a dancer, and it just happened to be there that I found theatre," Cain said.

After returning from *A Chorus Line*, Cain acted for the next two years in Joplin Little Theatre productions. She did not decide on a major until her second year at Missouri Southern.

Little by little, she became involved with Southern's theatre department by volunteering.

"I got sucked into the department and haven't been let out," Cain said.

She has been involved in every play since her mainstage performance her freshman year. She did 14 plays as a sophomore, but said *Hot I Baltimore* was the clincher.

"*Hot I Baltimore* was it for me; it pushed me over the edge," Cain said. "It made me have no more doubts about acting, and I then declared my major in theatre."

Cain found inspiration to try anything from her sister, who has been a dancer, an actress, and a model.

"The one element my sister has that perhaps other people don't is just guts," she said; "the guts to just do it. And if I can acquire some of

those guts maybe I can do it, too."

Cain became involved with other aspects of theatre besides the acting. She directed a play which was later performed at the Fine Arts Festival last spring, and she designed costumes for several others. She is currently the president of the College Players and secretary of the national theatre fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega.

Cain says as a senior she feels a lot of the responsibility in the department rests on her shoulders.

"I try to be an example for freshmen and transfer students," she said.

"This means getting all my work done on time to show them how it

"The best part for me is when everyone and everything within the world of the play is clicking during a performance. There is an excitement there that is so exhilarating that I can't find anywhere else."

This kind of love and drive for theatre is the kind of actor Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, finds wonderful.

"I go crazy thinking about her not being her not being here next year," he said.

"Dr. Fields really runs a professional ship around here," said Cain. "He is the one who showed me that there is more to theatre than putting

"Dr. Fields teaches us that theatre people can't just live theatre; they have to love life and bring life to the theatre."

—Stephanie Cain, senior theatre major

should be."

Cain now is working on *Black Comedy*, in which she plays a mistress. The comedy runs Oct. 23-26.

"It's hilarious...it's a farce. It takes place in London, so we're all going to have British accents," she said.

After graduating from Southern in May, Cain plans to attend graduate school in Chicago.

"I am very determined to go to graduate school," she said. "If it's not in Chicago it will be somewhere else. I'm not scared off by the work."

Cain knows acting is an inconsistent career which does not always pay well, but she loves acting enough to try it professionally.

"It's one of those things where you have to love it and have the drive," she said. "You can't be in it for the money."

your blush on right."

Long-term goals for Cain include finishing graduate school and doing anything that comes her way.

"I'm willing to try just about anything," she said. "I just like the work."

"Acting for a living would be fantastic, but I think I'd really like to have a family, too. I don't think I could be totally fulfilled doing this all day and not having anything to come home to."

According to Cain, experiencing life outside the theatre can be an actor's greatest asset.

"Dr. Fields teaches us that theatre people can't just live theatre; they have to live life and bring life to the theatre," she said.

That, she said, is exactly what she plans to do.

Orchestra performs tonight

JCCA opens season with internationally known ensemble

By CRISTY SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

Tonight marks the beginning of the 1991-92 season of the Joplin Community Concert Association as it welcomes the Bulgarian ensemble "The Sofia Chamber Orchestra" to town.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

The JCCA is an organization in which people purchase memberships to finance the bookings for a closed-concert series that only members may attend. Jack Newton, JCCA board member, said although the membership drive is officially over for this year, a limited number of memberships still are available at Ernie Williamson Music in Joplin.

The Sofia Chamber Orchestra is an internationally known performing group which has toured Europe, Japan, the Soviet Union, and North America since 1962.

Currently conducting the group is

Maestro Plamen Djurov, who is making his North America touring debut. But he is no stranger to the business.

In 1979, he became the youngest person to ever win the Sofia International Conductor's competition while conducting other leading Bulgarian orchestras. He succeeds Emil Tabakov, who served as conductor for the group for the previous eight years.

The orchestra has the distinction of winning the George Dimitrov Prize, the highest Bulgarian award for excellence in art. Its repertoire includes Baroque, Romantic, Vienna classics, and contemporary.

Violin soloist for the group is Leland Chen, recognized worldwide and the recipient of first-prize honors in the 1983 Yehudi Menuhin International Competition. Chen was performing with the London Orchestra at the time of the award.

Other performances the JCCA has planned for the coming year are

Toccatas and Flourishes, Jan. 17; "Gypsy," Feb. 9; The Hambro Quartet of Pianos, March 12; and the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, April 25.

Although the JCCA usually only plans a total of four concerts per year, the piano competition, which takes place every other year, is added to the list of events members may attend. The other four concerts are booked by the Columbia Artists Management based in New York City.

Newton said the musical performers who come to Joplin are all "real fine groups."

Southern students may attend every concert free of charge by picking up a pass at the ticket office the day of the performance. A pass is required for admittance.

"We always like to have students there at the concerts," Newton said. "We feel like these concerts are excellent and very worthwhile."

Dancers to do-si-do Saturday night

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Square dancers will be swinging their partners Saturday night at a country and western dance in the Joplin Square Dance Hall.

The event at 1801 W. Second St. is sponsored by Missouri Southern's continuing education office, which offers square dancing instruction through the College. Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, said similar dances were held during the spring semester "to test the water."

Lessons also are available throughout the dance, which lasts from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dances to be taught include the two-step, cotton-eye Joe, country waltz, and country swing.

Spearheading the event is Mike Hailey, the College's publications coordinator, and Les Coppedge, who teaches the square dancing

classes at Southern. Hailey saw the need for a place in Joplin where people could go to dance and formed Southern Stars to provide that need.

"In January I started taking lessons through the College," he said. "I wanted a place where I could go to dance, but didn't want the smokey atmosphere of local bars."

Hailey was aware of the square dance hall and looked into renting it for the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

"From there, the pieces just fell together," he said. "I talked to Les [Coppedge] about giving lessons during the dance and we talked to Jerry [Williams] about sending people out there."

Hailey was pleased with last spring's dance, estimating total attendance at 500. Some 350 people came to the first dance this fall.

"That was twice as many as we expected," he said. "We weren't real-

ly ready for that."

Hailey said there have not been many Southern students at the dances, but encourages them to attend.

"We haven't had a lot of young people yet," he said, "but it's really an all ages type of thing."

"It's an inexpensive evening—you can't beat it."

Good response is important to keep the dances going. The most recent dance did not have enough attendance to break even.

"We'll keep this going as long as we can," Hailey said, "but if we don't make enough money we won't be able to. This is a non-profit type of thing."

The \$3 admission goes to pay for rent, lessons, and the musicians. Any additional funds go back into the club's treasury.

After Saturday, the next dance will be Oct. 26. Halloween costumes are optional.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Jasper and Newton counties will again
be registering students on campus:

10-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

2nd floor of Billingsly Student Center

Leon's idea starts
2,000-voice choir

By DAWN ADAMSON
STAFF WRITER

Two thousand voices will come together in song if Missouri Southern's vocal department's plans become reality.

A choir, which will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Dec. 17 in Taylor Auditorium, is expected to include more than 30 schools in the four-state area. Church choirs, Southern students, and faculty also are invited to join.

"We're trying to get as much community involvement as possible for this," said Bud Clark, director of choral activities.

An undertaking like this has not been done here before, he said.

"Dr. [College President Julio] Leon had seen a production of this in San Francisco," Clark said. "He thought it might be something we could do here."

Clark called San Francisco to gather information on putting the production together.

Bill Elliott, associate professor of music, is helping to get the orchestra members together. Clark will be conducting them in this choral event.

"It's going to be televised on KOAM," he said. "That will increase the number of people interested."

Letters concerning this event have been sent to many choirs around the area. As of now, the response has been positive, Clark said.

Rehearsals are planned from 2-4 p.m. on Nov. 10, 17, 24, and Dec. 15 in Taylor Auditorium. The orchestra is planning to be at two of them. Persons expecting to be in the performance are asked to make as many rehearsals as possible.

Auditions for solos will be held after the Nov. 17 rehearsal.

Copies of the *Messiah* may be checked out at the College.

"I think this could be something unique and different for the area," Clark said.

MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

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LECTURE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 12:20 p.m.,
MH-103

TEST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 12:20 p.m.,
MH-103

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Con artists hit Joplin resident

Swindlers prey on unsuspecting

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

Swindlers and con artists operate all over the country, and Joplin is not immune.

According to Joplin police, at 9 a.m. on Oct. 2 an elderly man encountered what appeared to be an illiterate man who asked for a ride to a non-existent hotel. Along the way, two accomplices joined the supposedly illiterate man, and the trio convinced the elderly gentleman to put up \$5,000 to front a bet.

The three men went into a restaurant to "finalize" the bet. They never come back, and the elderly man was the victim of an elaborate con game.

According to Sgt. Greg Francis, community relations officer for the Joplin Police Department, this is one of the more elaborate schemes the JPD has encountered.

"There are more than 800 different con games that we know about," he said. "A large number come through the Joplin area. However, they are often limited by the imagination of the con artist. It is always interesting to see how elaborate these people can get."

Francis said con artists often develop a certain credibility to fool the victim.

"They find ways to elaborate on them and make them seem more realistic to the individual," he said. "A lot of times people don't use their imaginations unless it is something they have seen on television. They might be willing to go along with it."

"What we have to do is to make sure that people are aware of some general things that they need to watch out for."

According to Francis, the most common con games involve con men reading obituaries to find the names of the recently deceased. They then send phony bills to the family, and the family often pays them.

Francis recalled one particular incident in which the con artist, upon

hearing of a person's death, stenciled the deceased person's name on a Bible. He delivered the Bible to the family, claiming the relative bought it before his death. The family then felt obligated to buy it.

Another common con game preys on the elderly. Con men will approach the victim and claim to be able to make home repairs at a fraction of the cost. They then take off with the money and are never seen again.

Francis believes the large number of people passing through Joplin may contribute to the problem.

"We do have a large transient population with major highways going through Joplin," he said. "Being in the Midwest, people may think that we may be a little slower than some areas of the country."

According to Francis, the JPD often releases information about these crimes in hope of informing the public about the cons.

"A lot of communities aren't real open with their policies on giving out information," he said. "Our department does have a policy that allows us to get the information out as fast as we can and to as many people as we can. That way, maybe people will be more leery and learn from someone else's experiences."

According to Francis, some things to look out for are get-rich-quick schemes, the appearance of getting something for nothing, deals that are offered for a limited time, and too-good-to-be-true home repair offers.

He advises people who think they have come across a questionable offer to think about it carefully and to get a lawyer to look over any contracts before signing them. Francis also advises people not to trust their sense of judgment.

"Con artists are the most trustworthy people you'll ever see, and that is what makes them good," he said. "Don't rely on your ability to judge someone on whether they are honest or sincere."

North talked about his experiences

EVERYBODY SING



Kevin Roberson, music minister, leads the Forest Park Baptist Church in a hymn as Oliver North and Dr. John Wren join in. Approximately 2,200 people visited the church to hear North speak on Sunday.

North emphasizes citizenship

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Dependence on family and prayer was the theme of Oliver North's speech Sunday to the Forest Park Baptist Church congregation.

Nearly 2,200 attended North's two speeches. They heard him discuss his years of trial and scrutiny connected with the Iran-Contra scandal.

North said he was not speaking as a former Marine or former White House staffer but "as a husband of one and father of four."

"I stand before you most of all as a living witness to the power of prayer," he said. "I would not be here, a free man, without it."

North talked about his experiences

in Vietnam and the Marine Corps before the Iran-Contra scandal thrust him into the limelight in 1987. He credited his family with helping him through his ordeal.

North also discussed the responsibilities of citizenship.

"We have a responsibility to our children to be good citizens," he said. "Unfortunately, all across America, people have withdrawn from that process."

"Christians all across America have become so disenchanted with what goes on in that Sodom and Gomorrah on the banks of the Potomac that they are no longer involved in the process; they no longer vote."

He said 95 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in Czechoslovakia

in 1990, while less than half voted in the 1988 U.S. presidential election.

Dr. John Wren, pastor of the church, said he was encouraged by the turnout at the first service.

"For the 8 o'clock service, to have that many people, I'm very well pleased," Wren said.

A number of the spectators were also pleased with the service. North's devotion to his family impressed Julie Wightman of Joplin.

"The way he was about his family; that was just neat," Wightman said. "His family was the most important thing to him, and they were so strong together."

Wightman said she was not a member of the Forest Park congregation, but came just to see North.

Southern receives accolade

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The flowers, trees and grass of the campus earned Missouri Southern Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce monthly community enhancement award.

Dan Chiodo, chair of the chamber's community enhancement committee, said it looked at the College in selecting a winner.

"We felt the institution put a lot of time into beautification grounds," he said. "We were that this was one of the best campuses in the state."

The award is given every month to promote the Beauty of Joplin program, Chiodo said.

"It would recognize the people who have a hand in beautifying campus," he said. "Each month we give an award to a business or organization and an award to a business or organization."

Gary Tonjes, Chamber president, said although Southern is not a business, it still qualifies for the award.

"MSSC is not a for-profit business, but it contributes a lot to the community," he said.

Bob Beeler, director of the chamber's physical plant, said the presentation ceremony took place Friday in front of the Billing Student Center.

"It's a tremendous compliment to us, and we're really appreciative of it," he said.

Beeler said the grounds crew serves credit for maintaining the campus.

"The award is aimed at enhancing the beauty of Joplin, and I think the work of our grounds crew is really great," he said.

The physical plant maintains about 100 acres of land with a minimum of 10 people working on it, according to Beeler.

"We have seven people working on the grounds a week each to maintain the grounds," he said.

ZONING CHANGES



This corner at 20th Street and Pearl is one of many areas along 20th facing possible zoning changes in the near future. Plans call for the rezoning of these areas from residential to commercial uses.

Council eyes zoning change

20th Street corridor outgrows 1971 plan

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The future of the 20th Street commercial corridor was the major topic of business at a combined meeting of the Joplin planning and zoning commission and City Council on Sept. 30.

According to Richard Largent, Joplin city planner, growth on 20th Street has surpassed plans created in the past.

"We had a 20th Street corridor study done in 1971," Largent said. "That study didn't take into account the fact we were going to have a five-lane road running from Range Line to Schifferdecker Avenue."

Development along 20th is reflective of how Joplin has developed commercially in the past, according to Largent.

"The city of Joplin has a tendency to develop along its primary thor-

oughfares," he said.

Largent foresees a commercial trend developing on 20th from Delaware Avenue west to Schifferdecker, but none from Delaware east to Highview Avenue.

"In the 1970s [the Council] said from Delaware to Highview Avenue we will not zone any property commercial; we're going to reserve that for residential use," Largent said. "They've done it so far; they've stayed by their guns and it's stayed residential."

Protecting adjacent property values is a primary concern of the zoning commission, and, according to Largent, a number of options are available to protect property owners.

"Right now in our codes we've got a requirement that commercial property adjacent to residential property erect a fence," he said. "There are other things you can do: scoot the building back and make it the barrier, create a green belt, or change the level of the ground and put a berm up."

Problems arise when the barriers take up too much space, according to Largent.

"None of the properties [on 20th Street] affected by the recommendations have enough land size to do the kinds of things we're talking about," he said. "A fence is about the only thing they've got left."

The planning difficulties on 20th Street have stemmed from expansion over the past 30 years.

"20th Street between Main Street and Range Line began feeling the impact of heavy traffic back in the '60s," Largent said. "That perpetuated the widening of the roadway."

As to when the changes would be made, Largent said that would be up to the council.

"The council can make the decision to rezone the area on its own initiative," he said. "Otherwise it'll wait until individuals make requests."

There are no set guidelines on development plans, according to Largent.

Business deals in herbs, health

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

Despite the ever-increasing complexity of medical technology, one Joplin business specializes in natural methods of maintaining health.

Good Vibrations offers therapeutic massages, body wraps, passive exercise machines, and herbs.

Sylvia Robertson, Helen Kersey, and Jane Case own the store, located at 3201 S. Joplin Street.

Robertson said herbs offer a natural alternative to modern medicine.

"We didn't have medicines until the 1940s. Because of the big war (World War II) we found penicillin, and pharmaceuticals took off from there," she said. "Many people who are older than that can tell you about natural remedies that worked for them."

Good Vibrations also offers a herbal body wrap which consists of such ingredients as aloe vera and Irish moss. The treatment purifies the body and gets rid of toxins which collect on the skin. According to Robertson, the treatment improves the skin's condition.

Good Vibrations also offers therapeutic massages to improve circulation and the lymphatic system. The method Good Vibrations uses is a method Robertson said chiropractors used before the advent of chiropractic technology.

"I can't say enough good stuff about it," she said. "It's great."

The passive exercise beds offered by the store are alternatives to conventional exercise methods. The beds are often used by people with physical disabilities who are unable to participate in conventional exercise.

According to Robertson, the machines offer more than weight loss.

"We know what these machines can do for circulation and the lymphatic system," she said. "It is not just for weight loss."

One Missouri Southern freshman knows the benefits of the passive exercise machines. Linda Gilbert, has been using the bed for three years. She has been confined to a wheelchair for nine years, after surgery to remove a tumor in her back left her paralyzed.

According to Gilbert, the beds, along with a program of herbal treatment, has improved her health

significantly.

"I'm not the same person when I started," she said. "I'm physically stronger, more able to do what I want to do. I do not have a lot of the problems that I did when I started, and that has helped a lot."

Along with the progress, Gilbert has made toward recovery, she believes the treatments have improved her outlook on life.

"I am happier about myself, taken a lot of work, and I can work to do," she said. "But I think it has extended my life."

According to Robertson, education about the human body to improve a person's health.

"We don't teach people to take care of their bodies," she said. "People are wanting to know about their bodies and take responsibility for their health."

According to Robertson, the store is a natural means of promoting health care is here to stay.

"The pendulum is swinging to people being more responsible for their health care," she said. "I think we are looking for other alter-

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Far East fascination consumes professor

By JASON HAASE
CHART REPORTER

Asian literature is one of Dr. Jay Rieley Moorman's favorite subjects when it comes to reading for pleasure.

Moorman's life reflects his interests. His wife, Toni, is Chinese. He met her while attending Southern Illinois University. Moorman said there are a few problems being married to someone from another culture. "You have to make sure you clear the air," he said. "You have to make a strong effort to understand each other. There is always some confusion."

He taught English as a second language for three months in 1987 in Taiwan, where his in-laws live. Moorman, assistant professor of communications, said it was a hectic time there.

"I had to learn to get around in the culture," he said. "While at the same time I was teaching, meeting

my in-laws, and trying to see the sights."

He plans to visit China sometime in the near future, as he finds himself fascinated by its culture. Aside from Taiwan, Moorman has not traveled much outside the United States.

Moorman has basic oral and written skills in Mandarin Chinese, the official language of China. He still uses his oral ability every day.

Cross-cultural analysis is his research area. Moorman describes it as "looking at what happens when people from different cultures meet."

Moorman came to Missouri Southern this semester because it was the kind of college he was looking for. He said it has a good focus on education and on its students.

"Coming from a university to a college, you wonder if the students will have the same abilities," he said. "In reality, the students here are more challenging."

Moorman would like to help create a better educational environ-

ment for everyone, not just at Southern but internationally.

"The students I teach today will go other places in the world," he said.

He would also like to help everyone become self-actualized and realize their own potential.

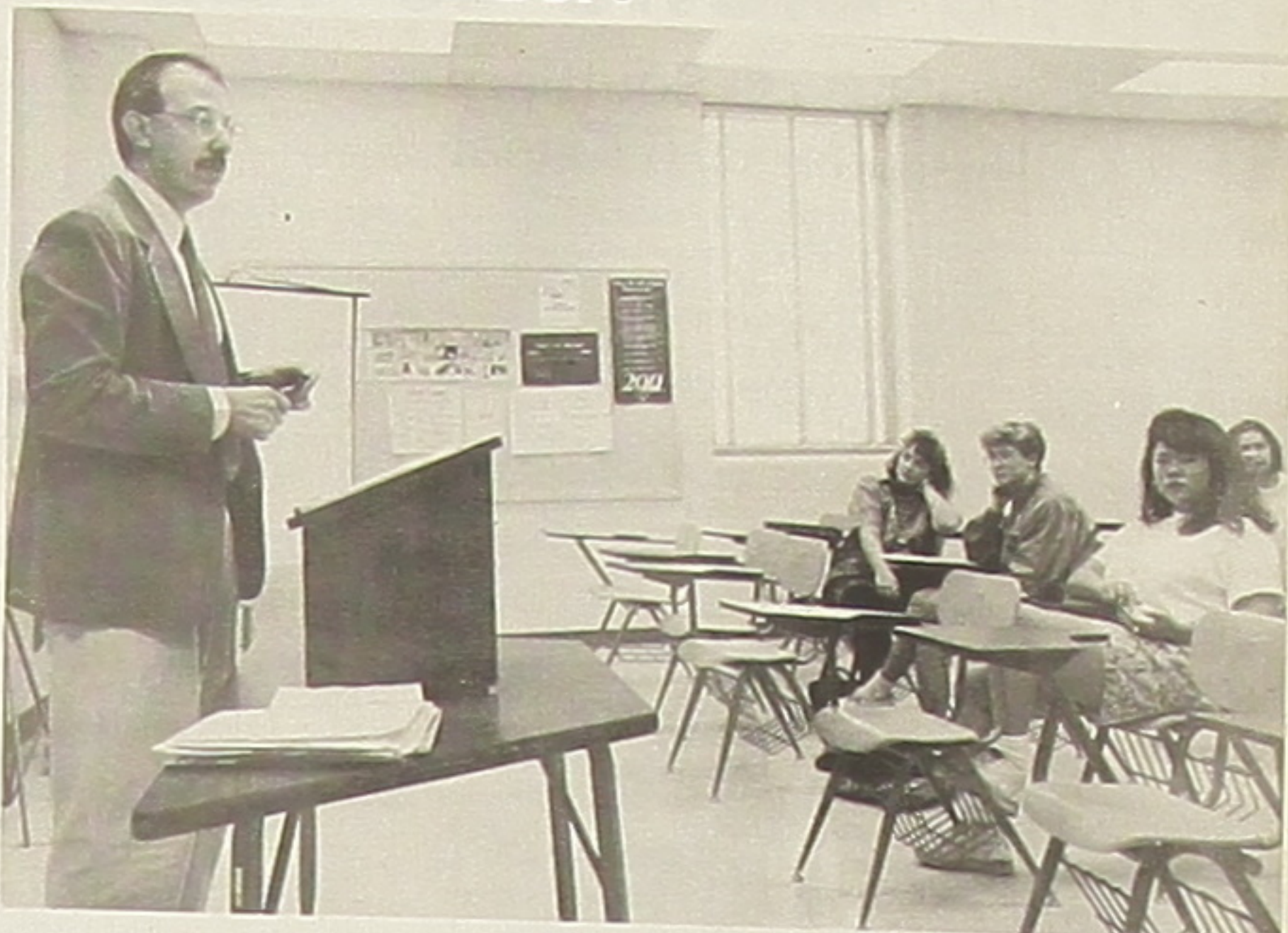
"Exploring teaching, whatever it takes to help students, I'm interested in," Moorman said.

"Right now the field of communications is on the cutting edge of the next century. It is a good field to go into. It is important to be able to communicate with other cultures."

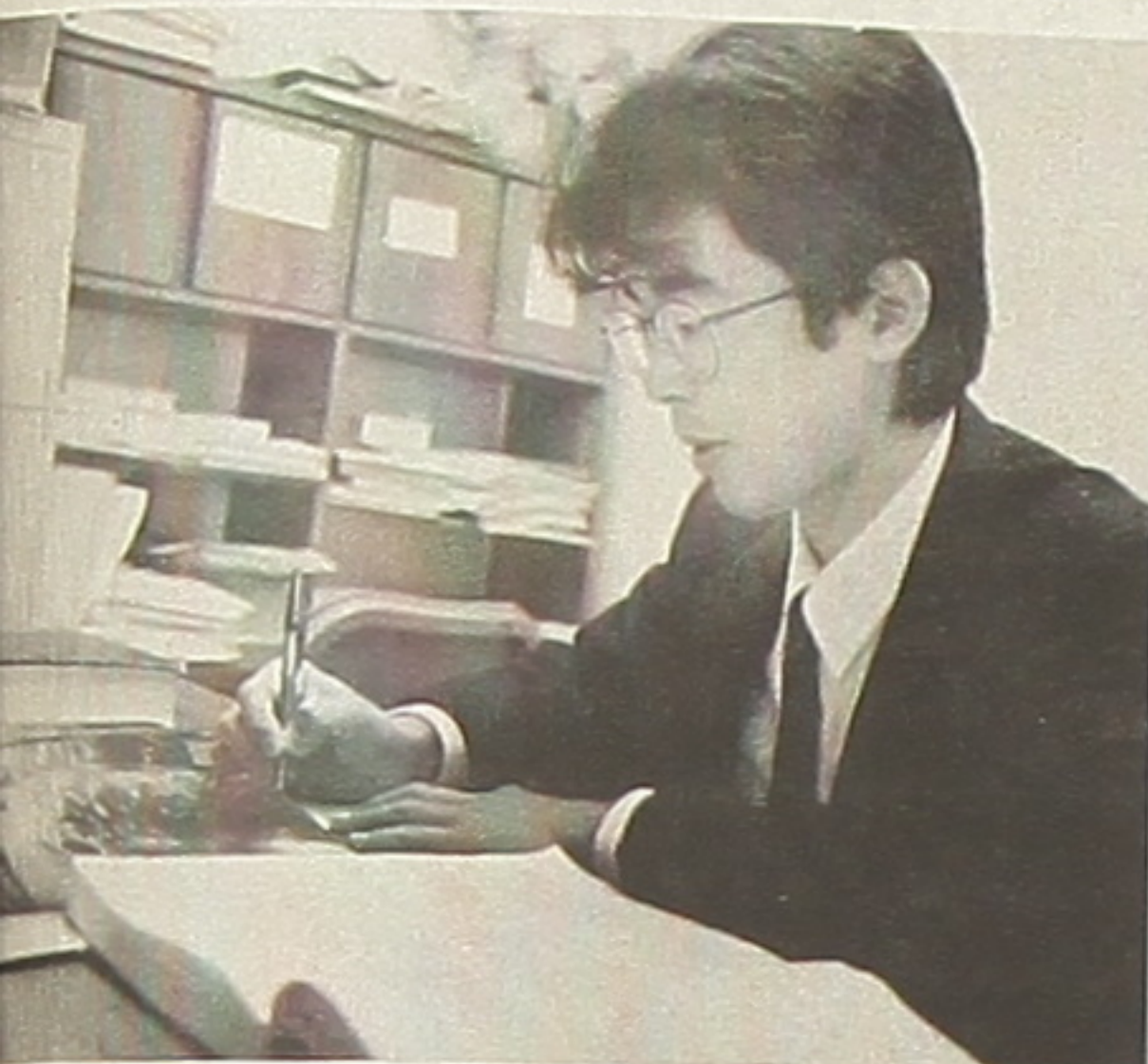
Moorman considers getting married, having a child, visiting Taiwan, acquiring his Ph.D., and getting hired here as his major accomplishments.

He has received all of his degrees from SIU: a bachelor's and master's in sociology and a doctorate in speech communication. Moorman switched from sociology to speech communication because he wanted to focus on the sociology of communications.

ASIAN CULTURE BUFF



Dr. Jay Moorman, assistant professor of communications, lectures Oral Communication students. When not in class, he has a passion for reading Asian literature. Moorman hopes to visit China someday.



Takashi Kawabe

Instructor of Japanese lives in residence hall

Kawabe says Webster Hall life is noisy

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Asian culture is being incorporated at Missouri Southern through Takashi Kawabe's Japanese class.

"I think the relationship between our two countries is important," said Kawabe. "We know a lot about the U.S. but the U.S. doesn't know much about us."

"We export a lot of things, but not much culture. I want to teach Japanese so people in the U.S. can better understand us."

This is the first year Japanese has been offered at Missouri Southern. Kawabe says students will be the beneficiaries.

"Southern students should study Asian languages," he said. "A lot of people study the European languages, but few study Asian languages. There is a lot of communication between Europe and the U.S., but not enough between the U.S. and Japan."

Kawabe believes the relationship between the two countries would improve if people in the U.S. knew more about Japan.

"I feel the U.S./Japanese relationship is stable, but I hope the relationship will get better," he said. "I'd like

the U.S. people to visit Japan. Many of my countrymen visit here, but few Americans get to go to Japan."

Kawabe, 26, came to Southern in August. He received a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Tokyo. He will teach Japanese here for two years as well as take classes himself in order to get an additional bachelor's degree in political science.

Kawabe, who lives in Webster Hall, says that makes him feel more like a student than an instructor. "It is really noisy there, but I stay up late each night so it doesn't bug me much," he said.

Having a father who taught English literature influenced him to teach English.

"I learned a lot about the culture of English-speaking countries from my father," Kawabe said. "I think that is why I'm so interested in Western culture and Western people."

He said he has been able to adjust to a new culture because "Japanese people are around quite a bit of American culture."

"Miami Vice, The A Team, and The Hulk are my favorite TV shows. My favorite movie is *An Officer and a Gentleman*. They did have American fast-food restaurants there, but I prefer the Japanese foods."

Children are focus of Beeler's life

BSC reservationist enjoys job

By DAVID BURNETT
CHART REPORTER

Being the best "mom" possible is Darlene Beeler's career goal. "I'm a great mom, let me tell you," she says laughing. "If they gave degrees in mom, I'd have one."

Beeler, the reservationist for the Billingsly Student Center, enjoys her job, but her three children are the focus of her life.

The hardest part of being a mother for Beeler is discipline. "I'm too much of a friend to be a mom," she quickly admits.

Beeler believes the influence she has on her children is impressive.

"Just knowing that no matter what they do, they think of me, and I find that very neat," she said. "I try to push without pushing too hard."

With Beeler's love of children, it is no wonder she enjoys her job in

the BSC. She likes being around the students because she says they keep her young.

Beeler previously worked at the University of Arkansas as a secretary in the archeology department. She moved in June 1990 after her husband, Bob Beeler, became director of the physical plant at Missouri Southern.

Instructor availability to the students at Southern has impressed her the most.

"I see instructors in a totally different light than what I had seen at the University of Arkansas," she said.

Beeler has spent the last year getting settled in her new home and meeting new people. But a family camping trip is always familiar. She said they have found Stockton Lake a nice place to go in Missouri, but Beaver Lake in Arkansas is still their favorite.

Beeler's advice on camping is simple: "Find water, trees, and stay there as long as you can."

She was raised and educated in Harrison, Ark. The first person she ever dated now is her husband. They parted after high school, though.

"We went our separate ways, and several years later our paths crossed again," she said smiling. After hearing through the grapevine where he was located, she wrote him and they got back in touch with each other.

Even though being a mother is her specialty, she does not like to cook. She said she is sarcastically referred to as Betty Crocker by her family.

Although sewing is another skill she claims not to have, she is proud of a junior bridesmaid dress she made for her daughter last summer.

Beeler said she is proud of her children. "There are so many little things with kids," she said, reflecting on her proudest moments of being a mother. "I've got great kids."



Darlene Beeler

THAT'S DEBATABLE



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Brooks Haynie, instructor of communications, serves as Missouri Southern's debate coach. His youth has surprised some students.

Instructor's youth surprises classes

By TRAVIS MENZIE
CHART REPORTER

Looks can be deceiving, as in the case of Brooks Haynie. "I'm only 24," he said. "I squeezed my M.A. into one year."

Haynie, interim director of debate and forensics and instructor of communications, started teaching part-time at Odessa (Texas) College when he was 22. At the age of 23 he was teaching full-time. He said most of his students were surprised by his age at first.

"When I handed out the syllabi, an older woman in the back of the room muttered, 'Oh my God.'"

But all doubts about his ability ended when Haynie led Odessa's debate team to a national championship in the two-year school competition last year. He hopes to carry on with that tradition of hard work at Missouri Southern.

"I want to make the school competitive against Harvard, Iowa, and Dartmouth," Haynie said.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in political science at the University of Laverne (Calif.) in

1989. One year later in a special program, he received his master's degree in speech communication at Miami (Ohio) University.

"It was a program where you can get through the courses in a year," Haynie said. "It was within my capacity to do it, and I was in a hurry."

Southern has impressed Haynie in many ways, particularly by the quality of the communications department and its support of forensics.

"The department has supported us through thick and thin," he said.

Haynie's stay at Southern will be a short one as he is on a one-year temporary contract. After this year, Haynie will begin work on his Ph.D. full-time.

"But I'm not going to do it in one year," he said with a laugh.

Haynie has some general plans for the time after his education is complete. These include publishing a paper over the rhetoric social movement and possibly coming back to Southern.

"I'd love to come back if there is an opening," he said.

Curiosity sends Spanish instructor traveling abroad

By HOLLY CARNINE
CHART REPORTER

Traveling abroad, sightseeing, and meeting new people are all activities Judy Bastian, lecturer in Spanish, enjoys.

Bastian's interest and curiosity of other places has taken her to many countries, including Switzerland, Scotland, France, and England. She hopes one day to tour Italy and the Soviet Union.

Bastian believes traveling broadens an individual's experience.

"El que no se aventura, no pasa mar," she said. This Spanish expression means "He that doesn't venture doesn't cross the sea." However, Bastian says to her it means "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

She enjoys both the cultural and historical aspects of other countries. Although most of her ventures have been to foreign places, she knows there is no place like the United

States. She one day wants to visit the states of Florida and Washington.

Bastian first became interested in foreign languages in the third grade. Because her home in Vermont was so close to the Canadian border, she and her sister would play French games and converse in French. It was this that inspired her.

Unlike most faculty, Bastian plays the role of both teacher and student. She currently is taking Beginning Russian II at Southern.

"My interest in Russian was stimulated by Russia's international situation," Bastian said.

She says learning Russian would enable her to converse with Russian immigrants and allow her the opportunity to teach them English.

"Knowing a foreign language and being exposed to a foreign culture is most beneficial for all," she said.

Bastian lives in Miami, Okla., with her husband, David. She came to Southern because of its emphasis

in international studies.

"Southern plays a wonderful role in bringing cultural activities to the students and the Joplin area," Bastian said. "It's a wonderful place to be."

She finds her teaching career challenging and enjoyable as well as a great learning experience. Her older sister, Janice, is teaching kindergarten in Bolivia.

As a teacher and student, Bastian understands that learning a foreign language involves commitment and motivation.

"Students here (Southern) seem really willing to learn," she said.

However, she is aware that motivation sometimes can be lost.

Bastian has many suggestions for the unmotivated foreign language student. One is that the student not become frustrated. Tape recording oneself to see one's progress, renting foreign language videos, and joining the International Club are other

suggestions Bastian believes would be of help.

In her classroom, students are responsible for reading, writing, and speaking Spanish. Other activities are provided to add variety and cultural interest to the course. Viewing video tapes, singing Spanish songs, and guest presentations are all activities performed in hopes of making her Spanish class enjoyable.

Bastian taught English and Spanish in language classrooms in Spain, Mexico, and the United States. She worked as a bilingual secretary at Middlebury (Vt.) College Spanish School.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. At the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., she received a master of arts degree in teaching Spanish and ESL (English as a Second Language).

HOW DO YOU SAY...



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Judy Bastian, lecturer in Spanish, helps Charles Stephens, senior graphic arts major, with his assignment. Bastian satisfies her curiosities by traveling abroad to countries such as Switzerland.

No. 19 Lions to face improved Rolla

Washburn coach says Southern 'class of MIAA' after 31-6 defeat

By **RON FAUSS**
STAFF WRITER

The football Lions cracked the NCAA Division II top 20 poll for the first time ever with a 31-6 win over Washburn Saturday in Topeka, Kan.

Southern is tied for 19th in the poll with Savannah (Ga.) State. Pittsburg State University re-entered the rankings at No. 17.

"This [ranking] is good for the kids," said Jon Lantz, Southern head coach. "This lets them know that they are not going unnoticed around the country."

Southern, 4-1 overall, will try to move its MIAA record to 4-0 when it takes on the University of Missouri-Rolla in a 2:30 p.m. Homecoming contest Saturday in Hughes Stadium.

The Miners enter the contest 1-3-1 after going winless last season. Rolla has not won an MIAA game since its 20-7 victory over Washburn in the first game of the 1989 season. Lantz, however, said the Miners will not be pushovers.

"They are much better than Washburn," he said. "They are much improved over last season. They added a lot of team speed and some better athletes."

The Miners endured a 19-game losing streak entering this season, but that ended quickly when they defeated Michigan Tech in their season opener.

Rolla also has accomplished something no one else in the MIAA has done—not lose to Pittsburg State. The Miners played the two-time conference champs to a 6-6 tie Sept.

28 in Pittsburg.

The game did not go unnoticed around the conference.

"The game was certainly a shock," said Stan McGarvey, Missouri Western head coach. "It was no fluke; Missouri Rolla is much improved this season."

Rolla is coming off a 26-14 home loss to Missouri Western. The Miner defense, allowing 19 points per game, will encounter a Southern offense leading the MIAA with 35 points per game.

"Southern does an outstanding job running the football," Charley Finley, Miner head coach, said. "Their two big backs will give us a lot of problems."

"Everyone says our defense is better this year, but I don't see the improvement," Finley said. "We play a good game and shut someone down, and then we play terrible the next game."

Lantz said one of the Lions' ma-



Lions vs. Mo. Rolla

2:30 p.m. Saturday
at Hughes Stadium

Major concerns is Rolla quarterback Mike Wise.

"Wise is a good athlete," Lantz said. "He and [running back Carlos] Cain will cause us a lot of problems on defense."

The Lions hope to build on last week's victory. Southern struck early and often, taking a 6-0 lead 1:29 into the contest and scoring on three of its first four possessions overall. This season, the Lions have outscored opponents 55-14 in the first quarter.

"They really came out and took control of the game early," said Dennis Caryl, Washburn head coach. "They got a few early breaks, and we couldn't come back."

Sophomore Marques Rodgers collected his third consecutive 100-yard game, gaining 132 yards on 19 carries to pace the Lions. Senior Cleon Burrell added 63 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

Caryl, whose Ichabods fell to 0-5, was impressed with the Southern performance.

"The Lions are the class of the MIAA right now," he said. "Emporia State and Pitt State are there also, but they are not as consistent on both sides of the ball as Missouri Southern at this point."

Rolla's Finley agrees.

"The Lions are one of the upper-echelon teams in the conference, if not the nation," he said. "They will be a major test for us."

JOHN HACKER

Webb City player has big choice

Many high school seniors face decisions as to where to go to college, but few have as wide a choice as Mark Smith of Webb City. Smith is a quarterback for his high school football team, and his performance has recruited him from colleges across the country calling him a "prospect." Smith has been contacted by Florida State, Michigan, USC, Texas A&M, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and numerous others.

All this attention on one school student might be expected to cause some turmoil for the team and the athlete himself, but according to Kurt Thompson, Webb City football coach, it has had an opposite effect.

"If it's had any effect at all, it would be in a positive way because it gives our football team some attention that may wouldn't get otherwise," Thompson said. "It's not a problem because Mark doesn't make a problem."

Smith said he uses the attention as an incentive to play at a higher level.

"It's a lot of extra pressure," said Smith. "It just makes me work that much harder."

Thompson said Smith is one of those rare players who excels in both offense and defense. He led Webb City to the state 4A championship his sophomore season and second place last year.

This season, Webb City defeated going into tomorrow game with also-unbeaten Emporia (Kan.) High School. Obviously, said he is excited.

"Both teams are really good and neither one is really going to lose anything," he said. "It's going to make them better."

Smith's statistics are impressive both on offense and defense.

In 1990, playing in only four games because of an injury, he passed for 881 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 188 yards and 18 touchdowns. On defense, Smith made 108 tackles from his linebacker position.

This year, in five games, he has 359 yards in 64 rushing attempts. He has 11 completions, 26 attempts for 238 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, he has 62 tackles, three fumble recoveries, two quarterback sacks and one blocked punt.

This performance not only made Smith one of the sought-after football players in the state, it's also made him a target for media attention in the area and across the state.

But Smith says the pressure is not as distracting as it was earlier in his career.

"It did [cause problems] at first, but now it doesn't bother me as much because I know what to expect," he said.

Smith said he hasn't been recruited by Missouri Southern and that he's got his eye on larger schools.

"My brother went to Southern and things didn't work out well for him," he said. "I want to go to a bigger school anyway."

Jon Lantz, Southern head coach, said he was not permitted by NCAA rules from discussing recruiting efforts involving specific players. He did say that the Lions have made little of recruit Webb City athlete.

"We're not real worried about Webb City," Lantz said. "They are kind of Pittsburg State people over there."

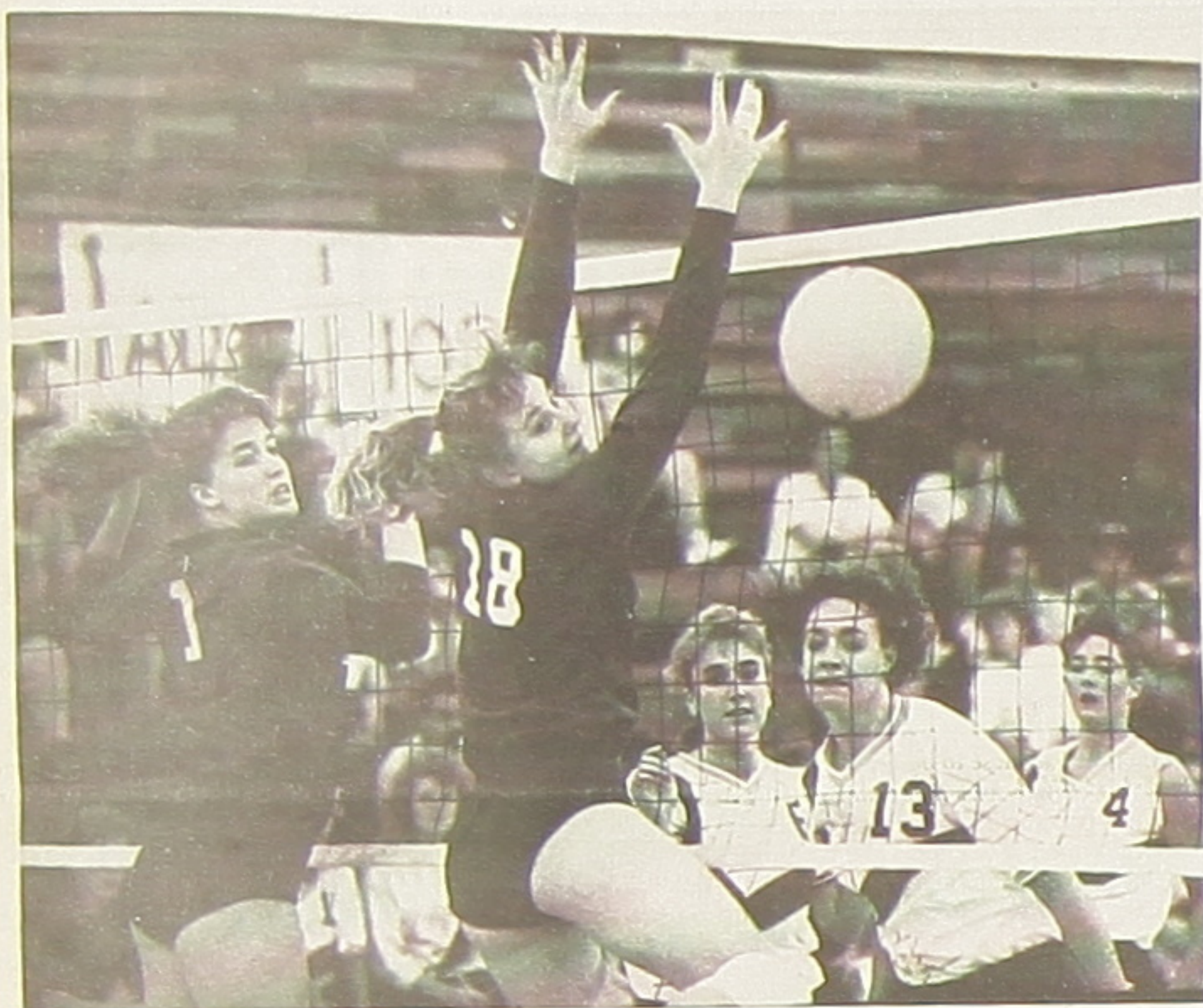
Smith said he was considering which college would accept him.

"I'd kind of like to stay in the area, within driving distance home," he said.

He also said he'd prefer to play defense if he's given the chance.

"I'd rather be hitting [other team] than having them hitting me," Smith said. "I pretty much like to be in the contact."

THERE IT GOES



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Missouri Southern's Lori Fausett (No. 13) spikes the ball past two Tulsa University defenders in Tuesday night's 15-4, 15-11, and 15-5 victory. The Lady Lions also won last night to improve their record to 18-5.

Rockhurst next for soccer Lions

Team has week off after 2-0 UMSL loss

By **CHAD HAYWORTH**
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Although the soccer Lions are playing what could be their two toughest opponents of the season back to back and on the road, they have more than a week to rest between matches.

The Lions, 5-5-2, lost to perennial powerhouse Missouri-St. Louis 2-0 Tuesday. They must face undefeated Rockhurst College on Thursday, Oct. 17 in Kansas City.

"The last I knew, Rockhurst was ranked in the [NAIA] top five," Coach Scott Poertner said. "They will be as tough as UMSL—maybe tougher. They have very good individual skills."

Rockhurst rolled over the Lions 7-1 last season.

Senior co-captain Butch Cummings thinks the week off will only help Southern's chances.

"They are a very physical team,"

he said. "Having a week to prepare will be beneficial, especially against a team like Rockhurst."

Two quick goals by the Rivermen dropped Southern Tuesday in St. Louis.

"With a team like UMSL, if you miss your mark, they will definitely take advantage," Poertner said. "After the first 10 minutes, we held them in check."

Despite the loss, Poertner said he felt good about Southern's play.

"UMSL is a lot better team than they were last year," he said. "They beat us 5-0 then, so I feel like we have come a long way."

Cummings, a center midfielder, agrees.

"I thought we played well as a team," he said. "We didn't finish off our chances to score, but we were always in the game."

Last weekend, the team traveled to Oklahoma City to compete in the Oklahoma Christian College Classic.

Windy conditions hampered the Lions during the first half of Friday's 2-0 victory over West Texas State.

"We played with about a 30 mile-per-hour wind in our face in the first half," Poertner said. "We had to stay back on our end and try to play keep-away until the second half, when we could finally play some offense."

Senior Jerry Lundy scored his first goal of the season for the Lions, and Cummings added his team-leading fifth in the victory.

Saturday's match did not go as well for Southern. The Lions managed only a 1-1 tie with OCC.

"It was again a situation of us dominating the game," Poertner said. "But we missed some open nets."

Junior midfielder Brent McGinty scored the lone Southern goal off a Brian Slusser assist.

The Lions outshot OCC 9-3 in the first half and 16-6 overall.

Poertner said Southern's .500 record was not a good indication of the way the team has played.

"A lot of the games we seem to dominate," he said. "But the scores don't always indicate it."

Cross country teams third at SMSU

By **NICK COBLE**
STAFF WRITER

Proving there is no rest for the weary, the Missouri Southern cross country team competed Saturday at Southwest Missouri State on the heels of an excessively tough training week.

Southern took third in both the men's and women's team competition at the Ozark Invitational. The host Bears and Drake University finished 1-2 in both divisions.

Southern runners had just completed a high mileage week in an effort to peak during upcoming conference and regional action.

"The good thing is they were able to go out and compete well, even as tired as they were," said Coach Tom Rutledge.

Though recovering from a case of the flu, Jason Riddle led the men's

squad with a sixth-place finish of 25:29 in the eight-kilometer race.

"That's why Jason is an All-American," Rutledge said. "He was able to tap down and run well even after feeling bad."

Riddle was followed by Joe Wood (12th, 25:53), Kern Sorrell (18th, 26:16), Eddie Avelar (22nd, 26:41), and Troy McCubbin (30th, 27:14).

According to Rutledge, despite some strong individual finishes, learning to run in a pack is a high priority for the team.

"We've reached a point where you can see our [lack of] depth starts to hurt us," he said.

"We had a respectable day; it's just that we were shy the No. 5 person on both the men and women. We have to have the No. 5, 6, and 7 in there."

Brenda Booth led the women's team, placing ninth at 18:44 in the

5K race.

"We were tired, but we still raced hard," she said. "Teamwise it was one of our better races."

Booth was followed by Stephanie Wigger (12th, 19:04), Renee Artherton (15th, 19:09), and Rhonda Cooper (16th, 19:22).

Southern will host the MSSC Invitational tomorrow. Slated as a low-key meet, approximately six schools are scheduled to attend. Southwest Baptist University, Northeast Missouri State, and the University of Tulsa are among the teams to compete in the final pre-conference meet of the season.

The women's competition is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., followed by the men's eight-kilometer race.

The Lion men are ranked No. 12 in the NCAA Division II national poll. The women are No. 15 in the Great Lakes Region.

A LITTLE HIGHER



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Sophomore middle hitter Lori Fausett (left) and junior setter Danielle Bishop attempt to block a Tulsa spike in the Lady Lions' straight-match victory over the Golden Hurricane in Young Gymnasium.

Burrell model of consistency

Running back makes recovery from eye injury

By RON FAUSS
STAFF WRITER

Throughout his career at Missouri Southern, senior running back Cleon Burrell has been a model of consistency.

"He is dependable," said junior wide receiver Rod Smith. "He never fumbles, we give him the ball and he just goes. He never coughs it up."

Opposing coaches have similar opinions of Burrell.

"Burrell has been one of the most consistent backs in the MIAA the last few seasons," said Charley Finney, Missouri-Rolla head coach.

Burrell came to Missouri Southern from Tulsa McLain High School, where he was named district offensive player of the year and all-state his senior year while rushing for 864 yards and 12 touchdowns. His team won state titles his junior and senior seasons.

Burrell chose to come to Southern because of the opportunity to play out of state. He said the best offer other than Southern's came from Texas Southern, but the Houston school was too far away from home.

"One of my main goals out of high school was to go to college out of state," Burrell said. "I figured anybody could go to school in-state on an athletic scholarship, but to go out of state to play ball was a big deal."

He was recruited to Southern by former head coach Charley Wade and current assistant Bill Cooke. Wade resigned three weeks prior to the start of the 1988 season and Cooke took over as head coach, something Burrell calls a "good move."

"If anyone besides Coach Cooke had taken over, about 30 of the 57 freshmen, including myself, would have left," he said. "Coach Cooke recruited us, and he was the only person at the time we could trust."

Burrell said the current coaching staff provided a refreshing change.

"Coach [Jon] Lantz brought new life into Southern," he said. "He wanted the players to run the team more than the coaches."

"He taught us to look inside ourselves and amongst each other to solve problems."

Burrell currently ranks seventh on Southern's all-time scoring list with 116 points on 19 touchdowns and a two-point conversion. He also is Southern's No. 8 career rusher with 1,473 yards, needing just 151 to tie Greg Dageforde for seventh place.

Despite his success at Southern, Burrell said he is not on target for the goals he set earlier in his career.

"I am not as into it as much as I was last year," he said. "I haven't really had a big game yet. When I was a freshman I wanted to hold every rushing record."

"I would like to have a 300-yard game to get Dageforde's record for most yards in a game."

Burrell was sidelined during the eighth game of his freshman season with a severe eye injury. Many people questioned his ability to play again, much less prosper. He silenced the skeptics, gaining 420 yards and averaging 4.9 yards per carry the next season.

"Cleon is a fighter," Smith said. "After that hit he took his freshman year, I didn't think he was coming back."

"A lot of people wrote him off and tried to get rid of him, but Cleon overlooked it and fought back."

Burrell said the 1988 injury is just one of the things that happens in football.

"It was a dive play, and a guy came out of the strong safety position and ran into me going full blast," he said. "It was like two trucks running into each other on the highway, and neither one of them gave."

Burrell thought the injury was not serious at first.

"I was seeing double, but I didn't really think I was hurt as bad as I was," he said. "I remembered getting hit hard in high school and seeing

double, and it wasn't that major."

Burrell lists the 1990 game against Northwest Missouri State as the most memorable game of his career.

"After getting beat by the Bearcats at home 35-7 the year before, we went up there and beat them 28-27," Burrell said. "We could have gone for the tie, but we went for the win and got it."

"That showed us not only the confidence in each other to win, but also the confidence of the coaches in us to win."

Burrell, who has scored seven touchdowns this year, said the season is going "smoothly so far, but we haven't really played anyone good with the exception of Portland State."

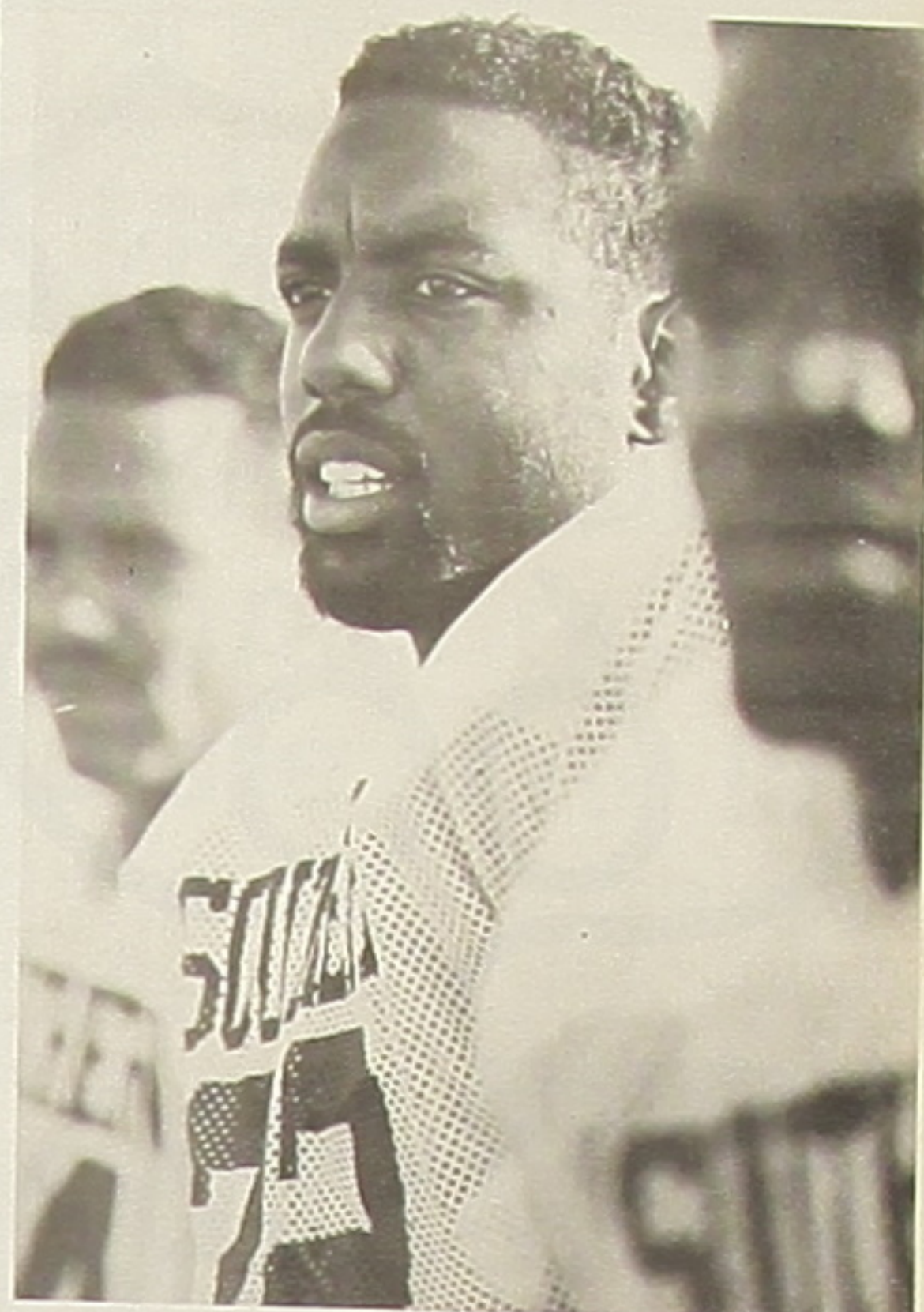
The remaining part of the season will be a big test for Southern, according to Burrell.

"It will help us to play the top five the last part of the season because we are going into that part of the season healthy," he said. "It keeps us focused and intense because we know that if we are not on top of our game, someone will come up and kick us in the mouth."

Burrell said the big difference between last year's 4-5 team and this season's 4-1 edition is in the attitude.

"We are more aggressive and more mature this year," he said. "This year we know that if we go out and hit the other team as hard as we can every play they will back down and buckle before us."

MAN ON THE MOVE



Cleon Burrell, senior running back, ranks eighth all-time among Lion rushers. Burrell chose Southern in order to play out of state.

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OUTTA THE WAY



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Lion midfielder and team captain Butch Cummisky (right) blocks the path of an Avila College player during a 3-0 Southern victory Sept. 21. Cummisky, a senior, leads the Lions with five goals this season.

Cummisky is team's leader

Midfielder transfers from Tulsa

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Athletics draws many people to college, but for Butch Cummisky it has taken him to two.

Cummisky, a senior communications major and soccer team co-captain, played one season at the University of Tulsa after graduating from Bixby (Okla.) High School. He transferred to Missouri Southern in 1989.

"When I transferred, I was looking for a school with a good soccer program that was close to home," he said. "I think Southern's program is every bit a good as TU's."

Cummisky said going from playing in the 40,385-seat Skelly Stadium to Southern's soccer field was not a difficult adjustment.

"Skelly is a huge stadium," he said. "But we get as many fans here [at Southern] as they do."

There is, however, one big difference, Cummisky said.

"The advantage that TU has is they play on artificial turf, which is unusual," he said. "The games are not nearly as aggressive there as they are on grass."

This year's edition of the soccer Lions is the best he has played for, Cummisky said.

"We are a very young team," he said. "They will only get better in the next two years."

"My only regret is that this is my last year. Some of the young guys say 'We will get them next time.' Well, for me there is no next time."

Coach Scott Poertner said the rest of the team looks up to Cummisky. He was voted the team's most valuable and most inspirational player last year.

"He is our team leader," Poertner said. "He always sets an example for us on the field."

Because the team was short of forwards last year, Cummisky moved up from his normal spot as a center midfielder.

"I've played midfield all my life," he said. "When you play forward, you play with your back to the goal, something I wasn't used to."

Cummisky said he was more comfortable this year with his return to the midfield, and Poertner agreed.

"Butch has produced a lot more where he is at," Poertner said. "He plays better facing the goal."

The statistics give credence to Cummisky's change of positions. In 1990 he scored five goals; this year he already has that many.

Cummisky said the Lions' youth is contributing to the team's roller coaster season.

"If we consistently played up to our ability, we could have been undefeated at least through the game with the University of Missouri-St. Louis," he said. "If we play up to it starting now, we could win 95 percent of the games we have left."

"I don't want to look back later and say 'We should have done this or 'We should have done that.'"

Once he completes his degree, Cummisky said he would like to find a public relations position.

Wood, 26, overcomes obstacles

Runner 'scratching surface' of his ability after eight-year layoff

By NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Joe Wood stands out among his teammates, many of whom are just out of high school and getting their first taste of college competition.

Like them, he last ran cross country while in high school, only that was more than eight years ago.

At age 26, Wood, a junior marketing and management major, has returned to competitive running. It was a struggle, Wood said, just to run with the team after being away from running for six years. But Wood quickly got in shape and progressed through the ranks.

"If he can come off not running for five or six years and go from No. 7 to No. 2, he's achieving success," said Coach Tom Rutledge. "He's just now scratching the surface of his ability."

After graduating from high school in Monett, Wood spent two years in the Republic of South Africa as part of a mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He returned to the United States to work full-time at Wal-Mart. Last year he earned an associate degree from Crowder College.

But the call of running, as well as the desire to obtain a bachelor's



Joe Wood

degree, brought him to Missouri Southern last fall.

His first college cross country season was not an easy one. The

training was slow and gradual, and Wood often had doubts about whether he would succeed.

"The outdoor track season was pivotal for me," he said. "That's when I said 'I can do it and I want it.'"

The training was but one obstacle facing Wood last year. While still living in Monett, he had to get up at 5 a.m. in order to make the 50-minute drive for 6:15 workouts.

As if school, running, and the daily commute were not enough, Wood said he would often work late into the night at Wal-Mart.

"I think being older, I know what I want to do and where I want to go," he said. "I'm committed to running and to the school."

Wood now lives in Joplin, but the other aspects of his life remain just as intense.

No longer the fledgling runner he was a year ago, he has moved up to become Southern's No. 2 runner behind Jason Riddle.

"I really look to Jason for guidance," Wood said. "He's an All-American, and he's been there."

Riddle has witnessed Wood's evolution into a competitor who can nip at his heels during practice.

"Basically, he's been pushing me to my limits," Riddle said. "He's a tough competitor. When I start to hurt during practice and fall back, he pulls up. He knows that from experience."

"I think he had it all along; he just needed to get his confidence back."

PUMP UP THE VOLUME



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Nico Cockrell, senior hitter for the volleyball Lady Lions, urges teammates on from the sidelines. Cockrell, a marketing and management major, got her start in volleyball by playing tetherball as a youngster.

Cockrell sets example for Lady Lions

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Hard work is a symbol of Nico Cockrell's volleyball career.

Debbie Traywick, head coach, thinks the senior middle hitter sets a good example for other players.

"She works hard, and what she lacks in athletic ability she makes up for in heart," Traywick said. "She is also very academic minded."

"All four years she has come back for the season already in shape, which some players don't do. That is a credit to her for her dedication and desire to play good volleyball."

Cockrell, a senior marketing and management major, got her start in volleyball by playing another sport.

"I played tetherball, and my P.E. teacher teased me about having big hands and said I should try volleyball," she said.

Cockrell credits her junior high coach for most of her love of volleyball.

"We had a very, very good junior high coach, and he taught us the

basics well and prepared us for high school," she said. "So by our freshman year we liked it better than any other sport."

Cockrell thinks her physical build helps her volleyball game.

"Blocking is my main strength; my height, too, even though I do not have a good vertical," she said. "My long arms and big hands all just make it easier to block in general."

Volleyball has given Cockrell a different outlook about other aspects of life.

"The game has taught me that other things are important," she said. "I am lucky to play at this level and have it pay for my school."

"Volleyball has taught me to live each day, get along with other people, deal with adversity, and that things are not always as bad as they seem."

Traywick agreed with Cockrell's assessment.

"She has learned it is more than wins and losses," she said. "She handles adversity the same as triumph now."

Maturity has helped Cockrell's play on the court, Traywick said.

"She was thrown to the wolves as a freshman, and she made freshman errors," Traywick said. "She now does good smart things, and does what it takes to get a point or a side out."

Cockrell believes four years of college experience is advantageous.

"Being a senior, I play smarter and know when to hit and tip," she said. "I am not as nervous, and am more used to the other teams and the level of play."

Cockrell credits her parents and coaches for her success.

"My parents influenced me to do my best in grades and sports, and I felt I need to do good to make them proud," she said. "My high school coach also was always reinforcing me. He encouraged me to try harder and that I could make it to play college volleyball."

Traywick has been instrumental in helping her career move forward, Cockrell said.

'Midnight Madness' on tap Monday

Midnight Madness will kick off the season for the basketball Lions Monday night.

The purpose of the event is to generate enthusiasm, according to assistant coach Jeff Starkweather.

"We are excited about the upcoming season, and the community is showing enthusiasm because of the success of the fall sports," he said. "We are trying to get the

students and fans involved and get as many students as possible to participate."

Fans and students can register from 10 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. for shooting competitions. The community and fans of the team will compete separately from students, with six persons from each group selected for the contest.

A free-throw contest will be held at 10:45 p.m. Persons making

one will win a coupon for food from local restaurants. More than 200 coupons will be given out, but the number that can be won by any one contestant will be limited.

Three winners from the shooting competitions will receive Nike sporting gear, sports bags, and sweatshirts.

The event concludes with a Lions' intra-squad scrimmage at 12:01 a.m.



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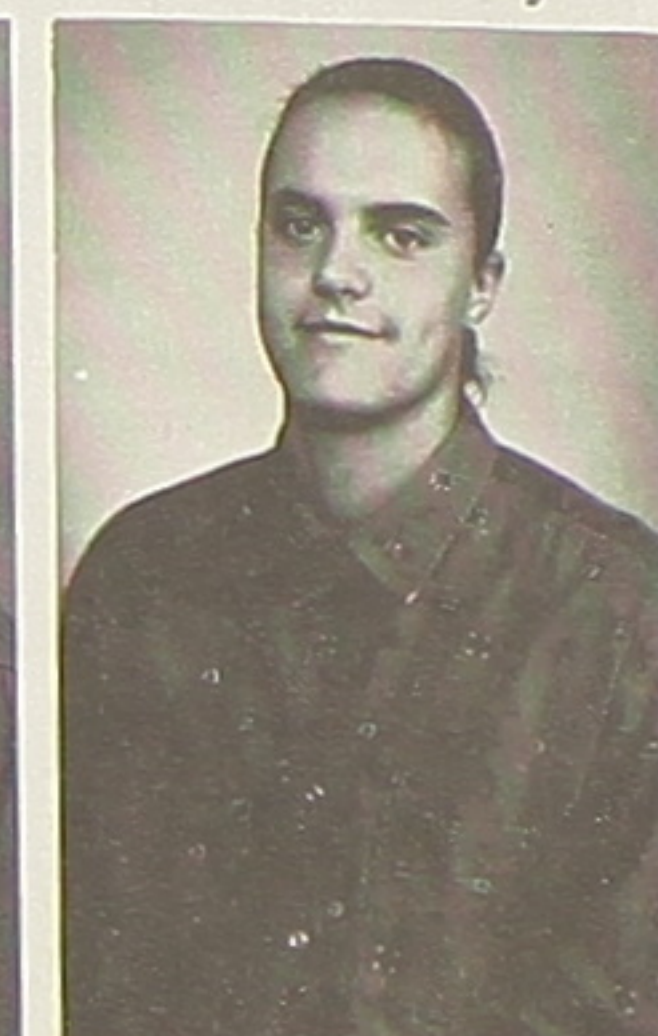
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